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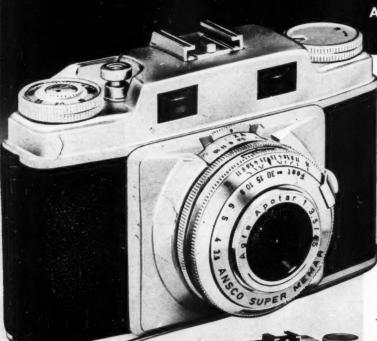
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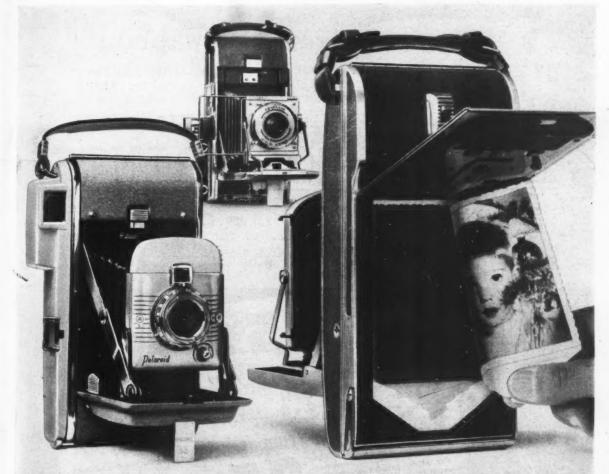
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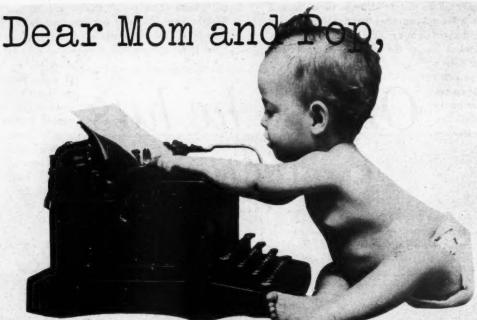
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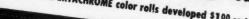
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Photographer at work . . .

have to be there. And nobody knows this simple fact better than photographer Dick Hanley, who spent a number of cold and uncomfortable hours flat on his back (literally on ice) to get the new view of an ice skater shown on pages 72 and 73.

BATTLE OF THE TITANS . . .

Two formidable names in the photographic world are E. R. Heidecke (President of Franke and Heidecke, and designer of the Rolleiflex camera) and Victor Hasselblad (President of the Hasselblad camera factory). These two gentlemen are not only competitors but friends, not just manufacturers but photographers. Recently

they spent some days together and engaged in a bit of friendly competition, each photographing the other, each using his own favorite camera (and never were cameras more favored). The results? A pair of pictures for the archives, published herewith.



E. R. Heidecke . . . taken with a Hasselblad



Victor Hasselblad . . . taken with a Rolleiflex

POLAROID HURRICANE . . .

We're always fascinated by the unusual uses to which photography is put. Latest story concerns the U. S. Weather Bureau in Washington, D. C. During last summer's hurricane season, when Connie was 116 nautical miles off Cape Hatteras, N. C., a Polaroid Land camera was used to take a picture of the radar screen in Cape (Continued on page 14)

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COFFEE BREAK

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Hatteras. The screen image revealed the eye of the storm and the outward spiral rain band. A minute later the picture was developed, then it was placed on a facsimile photo machine which took another 15 minutes to send the picture to the Washington Weather Bureau. Weathermen there could study the hurricane within less than 20 minutes from the time the picture was taken, thus aiding and speeding up the warning system.

BEFORE (?) AND AFTER (?) . . .

Photographer Ed Callob of Philadelphia has been working on a humorous advertising crimpaign for Carrier Room Air Conditioners. Gimmick is a take-off on those old ads "They laughed when I sat down at the piano". As you remember, our piano stool sitter always astonished his friends with his keyboard virtuosity and became the life of the party.

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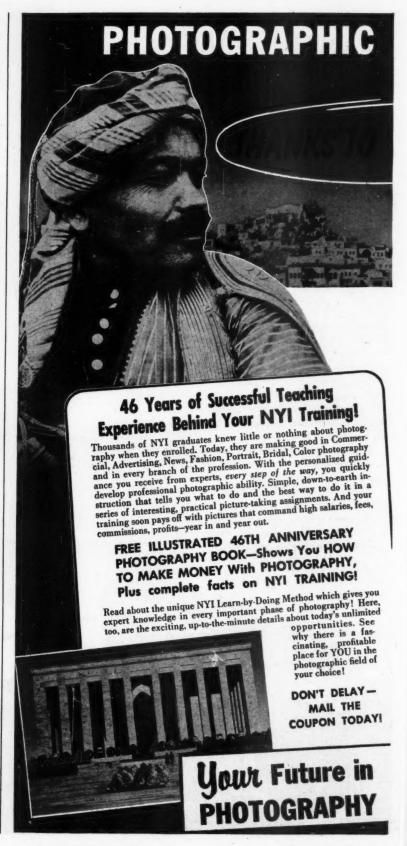
Cool, man, cool!

Incidentally, the "99-pound weakling" is commercial artist Arthur William—one of Gallob's close friends!

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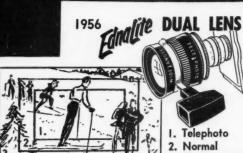
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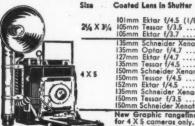
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1. Road signs, Chamber of Commerce markers, service displays shot during vacation will make title shots later.



2. Try outlining letters with driftwood, odd colored rocks, seashells.

words in the sand. A wife, sister or daughter writing the title will certainly add to its value. Outline your letters with pieces of driftwood (photo 2), odd colored rocks and seashells for a pleasing contrast and a variety of effects. If you have no beach near, use a child's sandbox—with the child if possible.

In winter, an unmarked snow surface makes an excellent background for letters, made either by stepping them off in the snow, or using a ski pole or stick to write them. Snowballs are more work, but will look interesting. For snow titles, strong side light is essential. Skis, sleds, snowmen or such will liven up the slide. For other types of lettering, use pine cones, frewood, pieces of coal, any winter sport equipment.

Titles can be made with anything which will form letters and adds to the story—a piece of rope (when dude ranching), children's toys (when pictures of the kids are coming up) and many other objects. Back at home, use a blackboard and colored chalks, with perhaps a pretty "teacher" doing the writing and providing the stereo in an otherwise flat picture. The brick, flagstone or concrete floor of your patio or driveway—even the sidewalk or a path in the park will furnish good backgrounds for your titles.

One warning: do not try to get too much depth in your picture when the main subject is closer than about seven feet. Keep the props close to the lettering and avoid too much distance between the background and the immediate foreground. Otherwise you will get excessive distortion, especially in projection. However, any such possible distortion can be corrected when taking the picture if you own a slide bar. Measure the average distance

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Atop stadium roof.
Mason (Right) works
his Exakta while
other photographer
uses a "Big Bertha"
with 20 inch lens.
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from the subject to the camera lens and take 1/15 of this distance as the interocular. For instance, if the subject is 30 in. from the lens, the distance between the lenses (or interocular) should be 2 in.

There are several other methods of making title slides we haven't mentioned yet. Use the road maps collected on your vacation and arrange them in a pleasing composition as a background for your title letters (photo 3). These letters can be homemade or are available at any photo store. Take the rail, steamship or plane tickets as backgrounds and add some of the souvenirs collected on the trip for other backgrounds or props. Then take the road map, open it flat and use a little plastic automobile to indicate the loca-



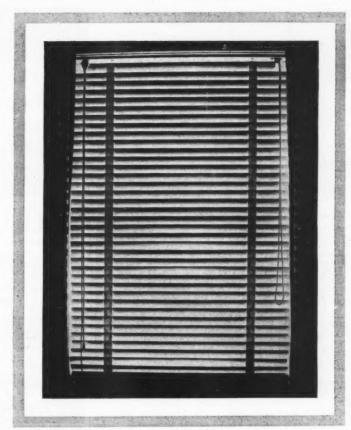
3. Roadmaps from your trip and a few movie titling letters can be used to make 3-D titles at home during winter.

tion that you have visited and which you will show in the following slides. Be sure to pick a spot on the map that shows the name of the city, state or country clearly. Travel folders, together with these plastic letters, will make a good title. Use a distinctive scarf, hat or other object native to the place or country as a background or prop in these slides. Appropriate backdrops, preferably with plenty of texture, such as upholstery or drapery material, rugs, brick, grass, specially grained woods, articles of clothing, etc., will make the slide more interesting. For pictures of a hunting or camping trip, for instance, you could use a wool shirt or plaid mackinaw with a few shotgun shells, a duck call as additional props (photo 4, page 28); red corduroy with pine or holly trimmings for Christmas backgrounds, with a few tree decorations thrown in; a filmy scarf, champagne glasses and a paper hat for that New Year's party; and toys for baby's first pictures.

Use the children's alphabet blocks for your letters and vary the arrangements and colors. And if you want to be real ambitious, get some alphabet soup mix and pick out your title from

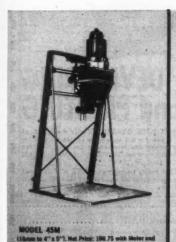
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that. This, however, needs a real close closeup to be effective.

For other titling methods-all on the table—use your own handwriting on various colored papers (a heavy crayon and big letters will show up much better than pen or pencil) or even typewritten titles. With these types of writing the stereo effect is lost, unless you use additional props pertinent to the title. The same goes



4. Off on a hunting trip? You can make the titles when you return, with some odd pieces of sporting equipment.

for newspaper headlines or lettering made from cut-out newsprint. However, a certain three-dimensional effect can be achieved by using the various embossing kits available at most stationery stores. With these kits you can make raised writing in many colors. Use glue and sparkling metal dust, sequins or small rhinestonesalso easily obtainable at novelty stores. In fact, most any powdery substance can be used to write titles-sugar, salt, flour, coffee, bread crumbs, or tea. Toothpaste, shaving cream—anything squeezed out of a tube-can make letters.

For a very special effect make a slide with dark colored letters against a completely white background. This white background will be transparent and you can mount each frame of this lettering film over each corresponding frame of a scenic slide appropriate to the title. Be careful to hold the shadows on the letter slide to an absolute minimum, as it would look a little silly to have such shadows appear in mid-air on the background slide. When mounting the two films together, use a medium mask for combining the close-up letter slide with the normal mask scenic; a medium mask for the combination of closeup and medium mask background; and, naturally, a close-up mask when putting two closeups together .- THE END

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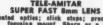


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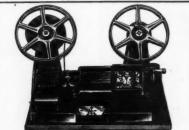
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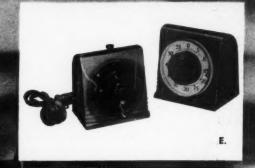
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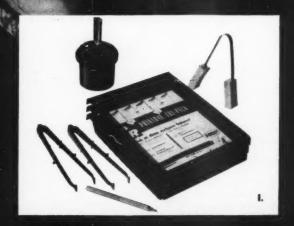
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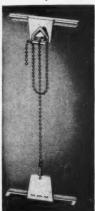
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Several design changes have been made on the View-Master stereo-scope for viewing slides made with View-Master Per-

View-Master Personal cameras.
According to he manufacturer, the new "decor-browa" view-Master stereoscope (shown) is sturdier than before, easier to hold and operates more smoothly. It has an improved advance lever with an ivory plastic knob and larger light windows for better viewing by available light. Price remains \$2.

For those who wish to illuminate slides in the View-Master stereoscope by artificial illumination, there is a newly designed light attachment, which is content attachment, which is contour fitted to the viewer. It is said to be simple to attach, has a convenient light bar in contrasting ivory, and may be powered by standard flashlight bat-teries or plug-in transformer. Price of light attachment, \$2. For more information, write:

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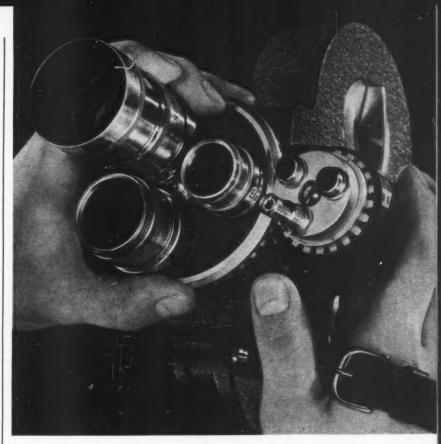


Seven items are included in the new Nikon Macro-Copy Outfit which permits users of Nikon cameras and Nikkor lenses to do photo-copy-ing and macro-photography. They are: a copier unit, a sliding arm, an upright

post (which comes in two sections), a base clamp, extension tubes, microm-eter focusing mount, and a portable hardwood fitted case which houses the entire outfit when it is disassembled. In use, the case doubles as the baseboard to which the base clamp is attached.

to which the base clamp is attached. The focusing screen is mounted on a sliding member and the camera attaches to a swinging rack. For viewing and focusing, the screen is directly over the lens locked in position. Two finger tabs on the camera rack release the lock and permit the camera to be brought into taking position. As this happens, the focusing screen member automatically slides out of its position over the lens. Raising the camera rack automatically brings the focusing screen back into viewing and focusing position. The copier unit may be mounted on the sliding arm for 90 degrees in order to shoot pictures on a grees in order to shoot pictures on a

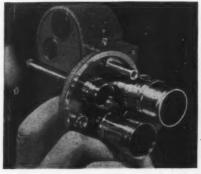
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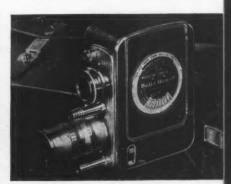


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The flashgun uses either one BC battery or three Penlite cells, has testlamp push-button control visible on top, and a bulb ejector. For storing convenience the reflector's seventeen pebblefinish blades fold away into an indenta-tion in the body of the gun. Other fea-tures are: there is a standard house-hold-type extension outlet on the unit.

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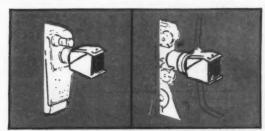
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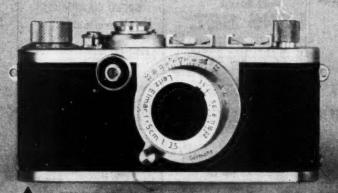
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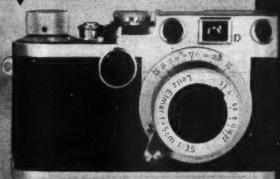
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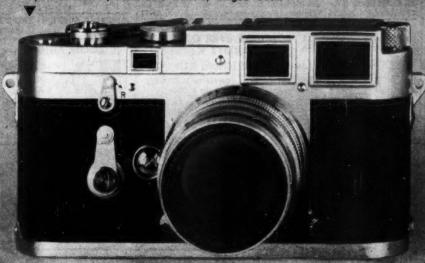


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LEICA SYSTEM



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IF YOU'VE EVER owned a piece of Leica equipment or have even held one in your hand, you've probably been conscious of a certain desire to continue holding onto it. There seems to be something intrinsically desirable about Leica apparatus. True, some part of it may be in the name "Leica," which, for over 30 years, has had somewhat the same effect as the name "Rolls-Royce." But there is something more. Perhaps it is the compactness, the watch-like precision, the quality of construction, or its legendary durability. Maybe it is all these things. Let's see if we can, in part, analyze this particular feeling, trace it to its source, separate the truth from the myth. For as good as the Leica and its accessories may be, they cannot be perfect-nothing is.

The five Leicas

There are five Leica cameras in production. Basically, the If. IIf and IIIf are extremely compact units, similar in size and construction to the earlier Leica models. The Canadian-made 72 model, similar to these, is primarily for those interested in making single-frame film strips, or others needing 72 exposures on a single roll of film. The M3 model has been made as the latest and most advanced 35mm camera available, but it has sacrificed a degree of compactness to versatility.

We won't name the features of each instrument here. That has been done in the family portrait, opposite, and reams have already been written on each camera. Instead, let's examine the family itself and see how well everything fits its purpose and the Leica system.

All Leica cameras have some features in common. They are easy to handle, have one of the quietest shutters ever designed (the M3 may be the quietest), and each is lovingly made. A properly aligned Leica will take pictures with a quality unsurpassed by any other 35mm camera. That goes for the M3 of today or of a quartercentury-old Leica A. Leicas are justly famous for durability. They keep going. Breakdowns, even after many years of use, are rare if the cameras are given proper care.

The If, IIf and IIIf models are the most familiar cameras. Actually, they are only slightly larger than the very first Leica invented. Any of these models equipped with a 35mm f/3.5 wide-angle Summaron, or a 50mm f/3.5 Elmar collapsible lens, can be tucked into an average coat pocket.

Criticism has been made of the Leica's removable base plate; some say that a removable back would be



VIEW: 27" VERT., 40" HOR.



35MM F/3.5 SUMMARON ANGLE OF VIEW: 38° VERT., 55° HOR.



VIEW: 27° VERT., 40° HOR.





90MM 1/4 ELMAR ANGLE OF VIEW: 15° VERT., 22° HOR.



VIEW: 27° VERT., 40° HOR.





135MM f/4.5 HEKTOR ANGLE OF VIEW: 10° VERT., 15° HOR.

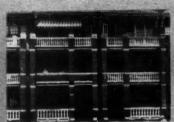


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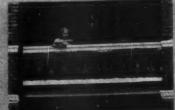


200MM f/4.5 TELYT ANGLE OF VIEW: 7° VERT., 10° HOR.



VIEW: 27° VERT., 40° HOR.





400MM f/5 TELYT ANGLE OF VIEW: 31/2" VERT., 51/2" HOR.

HAS ITS USEFUL PURPOSE

COMMENTS

The widest angle Leitz lens currently available is the 35mm Summaron. (A 28mm f/6.3 Hektor has been discontinued and will shortly be replaced with a 28mm f/5.6 Summaron.) The 35mm Summaron lens couples to the rangefinder, but a special viewfinder must be used with all Leicas. The principal use of a 35mm lens is to include more in the picture area from a given distance. Many photographers now prefer it for general use.

When you want to minimize foreshortening distortion in portraiture or merely bring that subject slightly closer without decreasing camera-to-subject distance, the Elmar f/4 90mm lens can be of much help. It's available in a rigid mount for all Leicas, or a collapsible mount for the M3 which allows it to be carried compactly mounted on the camera. If you need a faster lens than an f/4, there's the 85mm f/1.5 Leitz Summarex.

The 135mm f/4.5 Hektor, is the longest focal length lens that can be hand held safely. It's used most often for photographing distant objects but many find it excellent for portraits, despite some danger of perspective flattening. The 135mm Hektor comes in a long mount coupling with the Leica rangefinder (and the viewfinder on the M3); also a shart mount for reflex housings. Need a faster lens? There's a 125mm f/2.5 Hektor.

The barrel of the 200mm f/4.5 Telyt is extremely short but this telephoto lens has been designed for use with a reflex housing since critical focusing on a ground glass is essential for good pictures with it. If you can't use the housing, there's a lens flange which attaches the lens directly to the camera. However the lens does not couple to the rangefinder and camera-to-subject distance must therefore be set manually.

The 400mm f/5 Telyt is the longest focal length lens Leitz manufactures in the Leica system. It requires an exceptionally rigid tripod to hold it steady and must be used in conjunction with a reflex housing. The 400mm Telyt has a minimum focusing distance of 25 ft. but can be used at closer distances with extension rings. Photographers of sporting events have found this lens excellent for making close-up pictures.

far easier for both loading and cleaning. However, Leitz engineers felt that a single-piece body was a far stronger type of construction. (In the M3, however, Leitz has incorporated a hinged back door into a single piece body, an effective compromise).

The separate rangefinder-viewfinder system of the "f" models has also been criticized. The trend has been away from separate windows for the rangefinder and viewfinder and towards a single window which could house both units. Leitz designers have kept the windows separate on the If, IIf and IIIf models. They felt that the enlarged rangefinder image (1.5X magnification) was really necessary for accurate focusing, and that this rangefinder could not be successfully combined with a viewfinder without appreciably reducing the size of the rangefinder image. With the 1938 Model IIIb Leica, Leitz did move the two peep windows close together so you could almost use them simultaneously. But the designers felt that an optical system truly superior to that they were already using could not be incorporated into "f" models. A completely different camera would be needed.

Enter the M3

In the M3, the Leica manufacturers have answered just about every important criticism of their other cameras, and they have added many other features. Photographers have been quick to come up with a fresh list of suggestions and criticisms, but the Leitz answers to these (see page 123) seem quite sensible.

Meanwhile, the M3 has been gaining ground. In fact, Leitz can hardly keep up with the demand. In the M3, they have produced a camera which, although radically different than any other Leica, fits snugly into place in the Leica system.

The Leica accessories

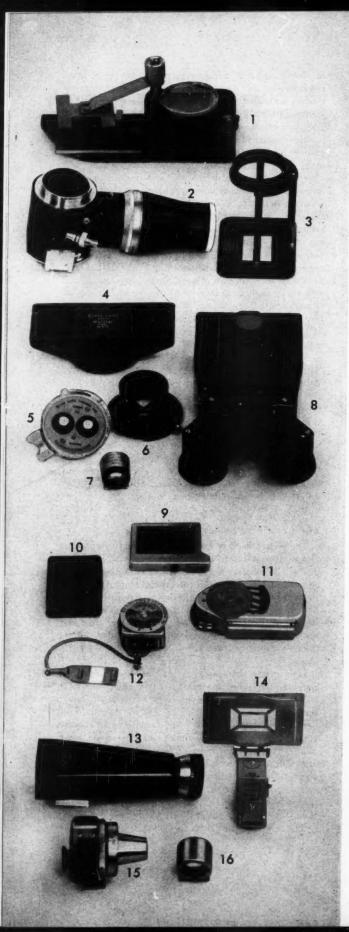
The system itself is vast in range, from tiny exposure meters designed to fit the accessory shoes of the Leica, through a complete stereo system, to really complicated equipment for technical, professional work (page 56).

We'd better bypass the filters, cable releases and the like. They are made to fit the Leica cameras and lenses specifically and serve as well as or better than any similar equipment. The sunshades, in particular, deserve praise as most of them are designed to match specific lenses.

Let's get to the lenses. When the new 35mm f/5.6 Summaron reaches the market early next year, Leitz will have a comprehensive series of lenses from 28 through 400mm. Three, the 125, 200 and 400mm, must be used with the Visoflex reflex housing. All the rest couple directly to the rangefinder and have separate parallax correcting viewfinders. There is bound to be some criticism of the 28mm lens's maximum aperture. F/5.6 seems rather slow when f/3.5 objectives are available in other makes. However, Leitz feels that the f/5.6 Summaron will represent a higher degree of optical quality than is found in the faster 28mm lenses made by others.

The 50mm f/3.5 Elmar, [Continued on page 106]

ACCESSORIES AND 50MM LENSES >



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FOR STEREO: The Leica Stereo System divides 35mm standard 1 x 1½-in. format into a pair of vertical stereo pictures. The Stemar (5), the basic stereo unit, contains two matched 33mm Elmar f/3.5 lenses and is used alone up to 15 ft. with its special lens shade (6). The Prism Attachment (4) must be used to get proper stereo perspective when photographing beyond 15 ft. The Stereo Viewfinder (7) fits the camera's accessory shoe. The Stereo Viewing Unit (8) has 5X magnification and a built-in light source. Projection equipment is also available.

FOR PROPER EXPOSURE: The Leica system includes two tiny reflected-light exposure meters with booster cells (9) and (10) for use in low-light intensities. The Leica-Meter M (11) is designed only for the Leica M3. It fits the accessory shoe and couples directly to the shutter-speed dial so that shutter speeds are set automatically when the meter has been set to the desired lens opening. The Leica-Meter 2 (12) can be used in the leather case, slipped into the camera accessory shoe, or carried on the metal chain. Incident-light attachments are available for both meters.

FOR EXACT FRAMING: The viewfinders built into the models If, IIf and IIIf show a non-parallax corrected view for the 50mm lens only, while the M3 finder has a parallax correcting view for the 50, 90 and 135mm lenses. For exact parallax-corrected framing of all lenses, Leitz has a varied collection of optical and frame finders. A few are: Sports Frame Finder (13) for 200mm lens; Universal Frame Finder (14) with masks for 50, 90 and 135mm lenses; Imarect Universal Optical Viewfinder (15) for all lenses from 35 to 135mm; Individual Optical Brilliant Finders (16) for 35, 50, 85, 90 and 135mm lenses. (Continued on page 108)



THREE "NORMAL" LENSES: WHICH DO YOU NEED?

F/3.5 ELMAR is the classic Leica lens, originally designed for and mounted on the first Leica A. The lens is extremely sharp at f/3.5 and reaches maximum definition at from f/6.3 to f/8. It is the least expensive normal lens and is in a shallow collapsible mount, making it the most compact. Elmars for the M3 camera have rim-set click stops, but the lenses for other Leica models have a tiny lever next to the front element, shown opposite, which can be a problem to operate when lens hoods and filters are used. (However, there is a combination lens hood and diaphragm-adjusting ring with click stops which makes aperture settings visible from the side. Filters are mounted on the front of the hood.) If you don't need a lens faster than f/3.5. the Elmar should definitely be your first choice. Far too many people spend money on faster and thus more expensive lenses than they actually ever need.

F/2 SUMMICRON design has been made possible by recent developments in high refractive glass and lens coating. In 1953 it replaced the f/2 Summitar as the standard f/2 lens and has, since then, proven itself one of the finest 50mm lenses available for any 35mm camera. At full aperture, definition is excellent. Maximum sharpness occurs generally around f/4. The Summicron has click stops and is in a collapsible mount. Summicrons for the M3 model (bayonet-mount) are identical in operation to those for the other Leicas (screw-mount). If you plan to shoot under adverse light conditions where you'll need more than the f/3.5 aperture the Elmar offers, the Summicron will be the lens to buy.

SUMMARIT F/1.5 is the largest aperture 50mm lens in the Leica system. Definition is acceptable at f/1.5 and improves when the lens is stopped down slightly from full aperture. Maximum resolution occurs at about f/4. The Summarit is a larger, heavier objective than the Elmar or Summicron, has click stops and is in a rigid mount. With the new, faster black-and-white and color films available, this lens becomes less of a necessity for the photographer working under poor lighting conditions. A number of photographers feel that with the f/2 Summicron, they can actually take just about any picture that can be made with the f/1.5 Summarit. However, if you feel the necessity of squeezing out that very last bit of lens speed for low-light intensities, the Summarit may be the lens you need for the job.



Berlin, 1932



Thomas Mann, 1929

Accra, 1953



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EISENSTAEDT BY LEONARD McCOMB

♦ Israel, 1955



Venice, 1934

much to a Life magazine staff photographer named Alfred Eisenstaedt, who for 25 years, unwittingly (perhaps unwillingly), has been photojournalism's disciple, practitioner and foremost rophet. Capably, quietly, without aesthetic jargon, his mild yet nervously active man has produced

prophet. Capably, quietly, without aesthetic jargon, this mild yet nervously active man has produced photographs that will live, and pictures that will die the moment after the magazine in which they appear leaves the newsstand. Many editors and photographers have learned their craft from this former beltand-button salesman who has seldom refused an assignment. His pictures have been their school; and learning to evaluate and use them, their curriculum.

Thirty-five photographers form Life's photographic staff. Some are known specialists in scientific, technical or electronic flash photography, but Eisenstaedt is one of a versatile group, dependable for a single picture five minutes' walk from Life or a month's essay assignment in Africa. No one knows what or when the next call will be, yet on every assignment, each photographer must produce a technically excellent, complete story. There is seldom time or chance for a retake.

The career of a *Life* staff photographer is no easy way to glory. His responsibility is enormous, and he finds little time for a normal home life. Some men

STAEDT

For 25 years, he and his Leica have led photojournalism. But equipment, curiosity, enthusiasm and discipline alone cannot explain his success. The secret lies in the man himself

. by Herbert Keppler

can stand such a vigorous routine for five or ten years and then think of retiring to a less hectic existence. But not Eisenstaedt, whose name was on the masthead of the first edition of *Life* in 1936. He has solved the family problem, admitting: "A photographer's wife must realize that he belongs 51 per cent to the magazine, 49 per cent to her. If he has any personal worries when on an assignment, they may affect his work."

Eisenstaedt has been a photojournalist since 1929. He has never become unnerved, suffered a breakdown or lost the taste for his work. If he were a cold, aloof personality with a brutal aggressiveness, this accomplishment of 25 years would not seem so remarkable.

The Eisenstaedt you talk with is frank, amiable, warm and natural. He stands 5 feet 4 inches, has





Japanese Pearl King, 1946



△ Mau-Mau sword, Kenya, 1953

△Multnomah Falls, Oregon, 1939

Pictorialism: he still uses it.

Many photographers began work making pictorials and later forsook the technique completely. Eisenstaedt still hews to pictorialism to build the eye appeal in a story. The silhouette picture of Japanese Pearl King Mikimoto is one of many different pictures of the man Eisenstaedt turned in to Life for their decision (see another picture, page 63). Eisenstaedt wanted to show the Mau-Mau blade as a frightening, dangerous weapon. He contrasted the sun-reflected blade against a dark sky because pictures of the blade, held in a man's hand against an earth background, seemed weak, lacking in strength. The Multnomah Falls impressed Eisenstaedt. He used the man's figure to indicate their height.

thinning dark hair, and rarely carries a camera unless on assignment or vacation. You might imagine him in a small studio photographing children and babies.

You chat with Eisenstaedt. As he replies, his eyes wander around the room—the photographers' lounge at Life. He interrupts himself to remark that more wastebaskets are needed, that the room is not kept sufficiently clean, that there is too much clutter (his locker is scrupulously neat, with every important print filed carefully in enlarging-paper boxes). He notices a new desk and opens the drawers. He asks aloud: Who sharpened the pencils inside? What are they for? He remarks on what you are wearing, inquires where it was bought. Another photographer enters. Eisenstaedt politely excuses himself, asks the new arrival where he has been, what he has done, where he is going.

You understand that Eisenstaedt does not interrupt or digress from rudeness; you sense his boundless curiosity about everything, everybody. He would rather listen than talk because he can learn more by listening.

The other Eisenstaedt

But this is only one aspect of Eisenstaedt, a very disarming one. There is another Eisenstaedt, an uncompromising, disciplined Eisenstaedt, to whom photojournalism is a dedication. Eisenstaedt will not discuss photography in terms of "approach," "dynamic moments," "visual impact," "exact instants," "discerning eyes." To him, such words are verbal garbage tossed out as a substitute for any real understanding of photography. Those who talk as if photography were an esoteric intellectual exercise will not find Eisenstaedt in their midst. His discipline concentrates his energies not on words but on taking pictures, any pictures to which he is assigned, no matter how important, physically risky, or seemingly trivial.

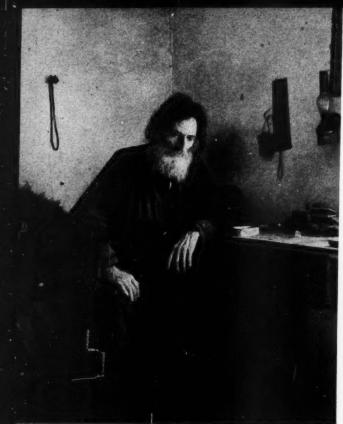
"I'd be a fool to tell you that I enjoy all assignments equally," he explains. "But even the supposedly uninteresting assignment is a challenge; it is an exercise to see what I can make of it."

So instead of a sulky, balky photographer, unhappy over his lot in having to photograph, say, a rubbish-cluttered bench in Brooklyn, *Life* sends an amiable and friendly Eisenstaedt, all eyes and curiosity, who considers the assignment a challenge. "Whenever I photograph, I photograph as a friend. That is the only way to gain cooperation. I have a feeling for what is decent to photograph, what is not, and I try to make my subject feel this."

Although Eisenstaedt approaches in friendship with an outstretched hand, he never lets his emotions come between himself and objectivity.

"I've seen photographers become extremely excited when assigned a certain story," he explains. "Unfortunately, some remain excited during the

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Dying Greek Monk, 1935



Nina Koshetz, 1949

Eisenstaedt's people show changing techniques, constant insight.

Marlene Dietrich, 1928



Photographers who establish a certain style of portraiture, and then use it on all their subjects, amuse Eisenstaedt. He has as many styles as subjects-from the formal portrait of British playwright Christopher Fry (upper right) to the windblown, informal Charles Laughton (lower right) photographed on a New York rooftop. He feels that knowing a person beforehand would help in portraiture but finds that this is often impossible in his work. Instead, he will ask questions of friends and secretaries of his subjects-to-be, about habits and hobbies, beforehand. Eisenstaedt prefers existing light for his portraits, feels it gives a more pleasing and realistic roundness to his work. He uses either a 90 or 135mm lens, if possible, to decrease the possibilities of distortion and because it gives him a more desirable perspective. While actually at work, in formal or informal portraiture, Eisenstaedt maintains a casual, off-hand manner, minimizing the camera. He changes camera position often since he would rather have 36 negatives made from ten different angles than from only two or three. He judges that he needs less film on a formal portrait where he has control than in informal work where he must catch the subject's changing expressions.



Japanese Pearl King, 1946



Christopher Fry, 1952



J. Robert Oppenheimer, 1954

Charles Laughton, 1952



Stories need key photographs: He seldom misses them.

Certain types of photographs have become known as "key" pictures for picture magazine stories-a large number of men streaming across the view of the camera, the circular staircase shot, the game spectator in great excitement. Some styles Eisenstaedt actually originated while others he has adapted to his own use. Eisenstaedt first used people-on-circular-staircase technique (the style has been copied often) in photo of the Italian winter resort hotel. The people are not posed. Eisenstaedt, at the top of the stair, called down for all persons on the stairway to move toward the rail. They complied and he made the picture. Of the cavalry shot, Eisenstaedt says he merely saw the horsemen streaming by and shot the picture. The agitated bass drummer was photographed during a football game. The photographer saw little of the game but concentrated completely on his subject, the brass band which was seated just above him.

Italian Resort Hotel, 1934



Ethiopian cavalry, 1935

Brass band, 1950



actual shooting. I, too, am enthusiastic about certain stories; but on location, I have trained myself to remain calm and cool. How could I produce an objective, complete story if my heart fluttered, if I trembled with joy or ached with anguish while I was actually taking the pictures?"

Eisenstaedt was not always so objective. In 1930, he photographed the wedding of King Boris of Bulgaria, in Assisi, Italy. It took place in a beautiful cathedral. The photographer became enthralled with the pageantry—the chanting monks, the choir boys. When the negatives were developed, he found no picture of the bride and groom! Since that time, the heart of Eisenstaedt on an assignment hasn't fluttered for pageantry or anything else.

Eisenstaedt at work

Observing Eisenstaedt at work would prove instructive for any photographer. He often seems distant, hardly concerned with what is happening. He shoots pictures in such an offhand manner that a famous orchestral conductor, watching him one day, could not believe Eisenstaedt was actually at work. He is the most unobtrusive of photographers.

When photographing people, Eisenstaedt chats with them in a casual manner, about anything but photography. He minimizes his camera, often holding it in one hand while he shoots, as if he were merely toying with it. He prefers to use a tripod whenever possible. ("It's possible, sometimes, to hand-hold a ½ sec. exposure, but if I can use a tripod, I'd be a fool not to.") He relies largely on existing light, waits for what he feels is a characteristic moment, then takes the picture. If he doesn't like the background or the light, he feels no compunction about moving his subject, although he can't explain just why he feels he must do it.

"I look at you where you sit, I feel that the background, the sofa behind you, is wrong. I would move the sofa if I were photographing you. I cannot tell you why. I simply sense it is wrong."

Infallibility? Certainly not!

But Eisenstaedt does not believe his own taste in photography is infallible, so he shoots the story from all possible angles—the pictures he himself prefers and also those he may not like so well but which an editor may think are essential. He seldom takes more than a few frames from any one angle. Instead, he will shoot a picture, then move forward, backward, left or right for the next shots, to get variety and a change of angle. Although he does not stint on film since it's a cheap, replaceable commodity, he never tires his subjects by overshooting. When doing a portrait, he will often complete all the shots he wants on one roll. If he feels he has enough before the roll is complete, he may not even shoot the entire 36 exposures. Although he cannot conceive why a photographer who knows what he is doing needs to shoot roll upon roll of the same subject, he concedes that

EISENSTAEDT (Cont.)

his own preferences are not infallible.

"What I may shoot and think is best, may not always be best for the story," he explains. "While covering the election of President Eisenhower, I learned that Eisenhower, MacArthur, and Dulles were to meet at Dulles' house. I raced over and. within two-and-a-half hours, 43 news, movie, and magazine photographers had arrived. I was on my knees in front of the group shooting pictures. When I returned to the photo-lab, I rushed several of the enlargements which I really thought were best to Ed Thompson, Managing Editor of Life. He also wanted to see my contact sheets and picked two or three other shots as possibilities. I asked him why he didn't want the ones I had chosen, why instead he had grease-pencilled his choice on two frames in which parts of the picture were blurred. 'Because. Alfred,' answered Thompson, 'everyone else will probably have the other shots. They will appear in all the newspapers. But only Life will have the shots that I've circled.' He was right and I saw his point."

Eisentaedt and editors

Eisenstaedt seldom argues with editors, believes the final choosing, arranging, and cropping of photographs is their job, not his, although he does suggest what he feels are the best croppings. His advice to photographers who object to editors' using certain pictures: "Don't shoot anything you don't want to see published in the first place."

Since editors know that they will not have Eisenstaedt peering over their shoulders while making layouts, they are generally amenable to his sugges-

tions when he does make them.

"If I'm around after a story is handed in," he says, "I try to be as helpful to the editors as possible. Pictures can be captioned erroneously, so I like to see the text which will appear with the story, just to check the facts."

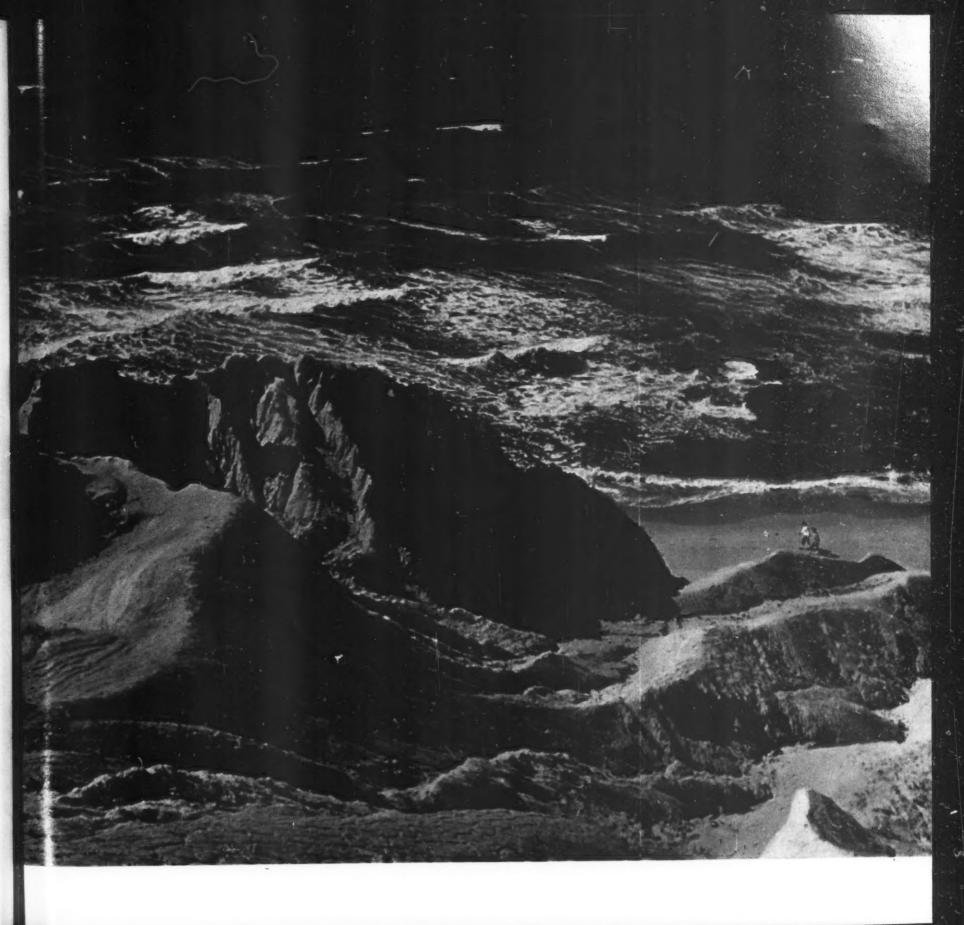
Important news events are often not the greatest problems to the photographer. Eisenstaedt found that the first picture of Hitler shaking hands with Mussolini was a popular photograph no matter what the composition. Stories of lesser world importance are frequently more of a puzzle. Sometimes Eisenstaedt discovers that an assignment simply does not have enough news strength to be as interesting as it might. Then he looks for a pictorial photograph which may help build up and save the story. But he warns photographers not to attempt an outstanding pictorial with every negative. "Not all pictures that are essential can have beauty," he says. "There are functional, explanatory photographs that are just as important to complete a story as the pictorial shots.

Planning pictures

In looking over Eisenstaedt's prints, you'll notice that most are verticals. Most 35mm users take mainly horizontals. Eisenstaedt explains that he shoots with

Color: it's more interesting, but also more difficult to use

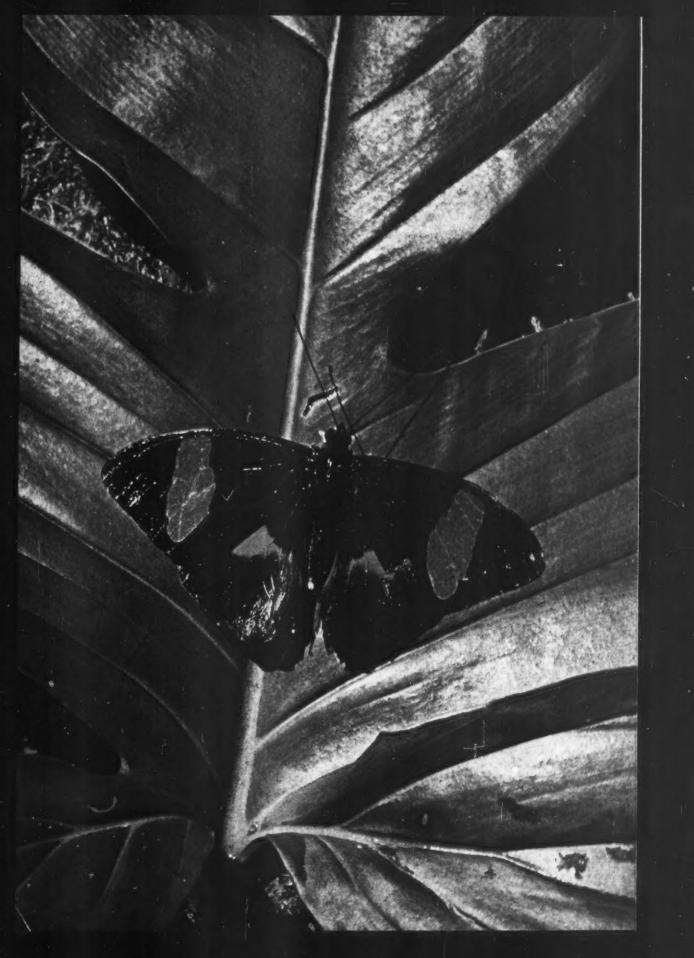
"If you ask me," says Eisenstaedt, who began to shoot color in 1937, "anyone who has seen his photographs in color would probably like to do everything with it. Although color is much easier to use now than it was formerly, it is still more difficult than black-and-white. Perhaps soon, color film will have the same delicate tonal gradation as black-and-white, and you will be able to shoot it in normal lighting conditions of mixed daylight and tungsten without worrying about color balance." The live butterfly which Eisenstaedt placed on the leaf, opposite, was photographed for an essay on the Tropical Rain Forest in Surinam, Dutch Guiana, in 1953, The fold-out is part of the beach at Gay Head, Martha's Vineyard. Eisenstaedt, interested in the photographic qualities of the waves, asked his wife and a friend to climb down the rocks and walk along the beach. Portrait of Thomas Hart Benton was also made on Martha's Vineyard during a recent summer vacation. Since Eisenstaedt prefers to shoot color, he finds that more and more of his vacation pictures are in color. He now seldom uses black-and-white. Although Eisenstaedt has photographed the same Martha's Vineyard scenes year after year, he always finds things new and never tires of photographing them. "To me," he explains, "photography is relaxation. Every day is different. I also like to experiment with different filters and lenses. Experimenting is part of my education."













Eisenstaedt has photographed his friend, painter Thomas Hart Benton, many times in black-and-white and color. This year Eisenstaedt photographed him again in black-and-white, especially for Modern, to show the lighting used and his approach. The three slightly enlarged frames below represent Eisenstaedt's changes in camera angle and subject distance during one session in which he shot about 20 negatives rapidly. All were made with a 90mm lens by existing light.



PHOTO BY KATHY







the vertical page size of *Life* magazine in mind. A horizontal picture can fill only half a page. Why doesn't Eisenstaedt shoot horizontals for double-page spreads? "How many double-page spreads do you see in *Life?*" he counters. "The photographer who shoots for them specifically is a dreamer."

Eisenstaedt's ability to see pictures in terms of the *Life* magazine page is in sharp contrast to the habits of many working magazine photographers who visualize their finely-detailed photographs as 16 x 20 in. display prints. Eisenstaedt knows that probably no picture will appear larger than the *Life* format, 10½ x 14 inches, and that many delicate nuances and shades may be lost in magazine reproduction.

Most of Eisenstaedt's photographs are made on 35mm Super-XX or Plus-X film, which he prefers in quality to the extremely fast ones, such as Tri-X or Ilford HP3 (with Super-XX now discontinued, he plans to rely on the new, improved Plus-X). Few of his films are "pushed" in development; instead, they are exposed by Weston Master or Norwood Director readings at the normal Weston or ASA film ratings. A perfectly normal negative, Eisenstaedt judges, makes the most perfect print. When there isn't enough light for an exposure at 1/25 sec. at full aperture, he will use a slower speed, 1/10, 1/5, or even 1/2 sec. His system pleases Life's lab, where all his negatives are developed and printed. Bill Sumits, chief of the lab, reports: "We use several developers and work by inspection, not by time and temperature. But all Eisenstaedt's negatives are developed in Kodak D23, which we use for normal negatives. We never have to work over his films. They are almost always perfectly exposed."

Eisenstaedt usually covers an assignment with two cameras loaded with black-and-white film (one with a 50mm lens, the other with a 35mm) and a third (with 35mm lens) loaded with color. When you ask him what the essential difference is between shooting color and shooting black-and-white, he replies that there is a great difference, but often a magazine photographer can do nothing about it. "Perhaps if you had the time, you could worry about changing position or lighting for better color results. But on a news story, you have no time. The editors want the picture in color, but they also want it in black-and-white. You shoot first in color and then in black-and-white, or vice versa. Suppose you are up in an airplane, passing over your subject: Will the airplane wait in mid-air while you debate how best to approach it from a color angle?"

Sometimes Eisenstaedt does have the time, as when doing an essay in color on the *Tropical Rain Forest* (picture, page 67) or when he is on vacation (color foldout). He still cannot tell you why or how his compositions and lighting are formed, and he cannot say just how he uses color. The color is there and Eisenstaedt uses it.

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So, skater miles p his leap of the HERE'S a dangerous, if novel, undertaking that's not recommended unless you're either insured—or sure of your performer. Fortunately fer photographer Dick Hanley, professional trick barrel-jumping iceskater Jimmy Ceasar always counts his barrels before he crosses them.

Ceasar was in training at a popular Catskill New York resort last year when Hanley, lying on his back between two groups of barrels, undertook to make this

striking series of pictures.

Hanley used a 35mm Bell & Howell Foton sequence camera, a still camera, which knocks off high-speed exposures at a fairly impressive rate. (If you press the shutter release once you can make four to six exposures on a continuous run. This amounts to ten to fifteen pictures per single winding.) However, it was necessary for Ceasar to make several "runs" because the photographer had to twist and turn in order to catch Ceasar's descent as well as his landing. From a prone position this wasn't easy.

So, while the cameraman snuggled on the ice, the skater approached at an estimated forty to forty-five miles per hour (top, opposite). Hands up, Ceasar began his leap (opposite, bottom left). Blades cleared the first of the barrels as Ceasar took off and zoomed over

photographer Hanley (opposite, right). Ceasar then started a downward plunge (below, left) after the peak of his leap. The second lot of barrels and all of Hanley safely cleared, Ceasar made a landing (right, below). (It was for the last two pictures that Hanley had to turn from his lying position in order to follow action and to complete the series of exposures.)

Since it was a very bright day (made even brighter by the ice and surrounding snow-covered fields), with intermittent clouds, and since Hanley wanted to stop action, he set the Foton at f/8 and 1/1000 sec. Film was Plus-X. Only a few dry runs were required for Hanley to approximate the distance at which the continuing action of the jump would take place, so he would be able to prefocus the camera accordingly.

Although the Bell & Howell Foton camera is no longer manufactured, you can get similar rapid sequence results with such still cameras as the Ditto and Robot models.

Of course, once you've mastered the technique of shooting flying ice-skaters, you could extend your picture taking ventures for greater thrills. Think of snuggling amongst the railroad ties while snapping authentic rapid-sequence pictures of the oncoming Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe!—D. J.





TRY CHILDREN IN AVAILABLE LIGHT



NOWADAYS, my rule for lighting is: anywhere that people can see to work, to draw, to read, I can take a picture. Available light is any kind of light in which you can photograph with no more equipment than the camera in your hand. Some people have a different idea about available light—they think of dark, grainy shots taken in very poor light and developed as far as the film will go. But isn't daylight, even outdoors, available light? And I stretch the definition even to include situations where one substitutes stronger bulbs in a room where he is to work for a long time. Raising the level of illumination ahead of time in this way does not usually change the character of the situation, and make pictures look false.

Before going into details about how to shoot under different circumstances, I should like to say that a light meter is practically indispensable for anyone who works with available light. Different light sources and different light intensities call for different development, and one has to have an objective guide to determine this. If you see a professional shooting without a light meter you can be sure that he either has one in his pocket and has already consulted it at the beginning of his shooting session, or that he has acquired so much experience with the meter (Continued on page 122)

Action at dusk. Rolleiflex, 1/100, f/4, Kodak Tri-X.

Pictures and text in this condensed article are taken from Suzanne Szasz' chapter in the new book "Available Light And Your Camera," (Amphoto, \$5), scheduled to be published this month. Henri Cartier-Bresson, Fritz Henle, Dan Weiner and Sam Falk are among the nine other contributors.





Andrea with chicken pox. A white spread reflected extra light into shadows. Rolleiflex, 1/50, f/4, Kodak Tri-X.

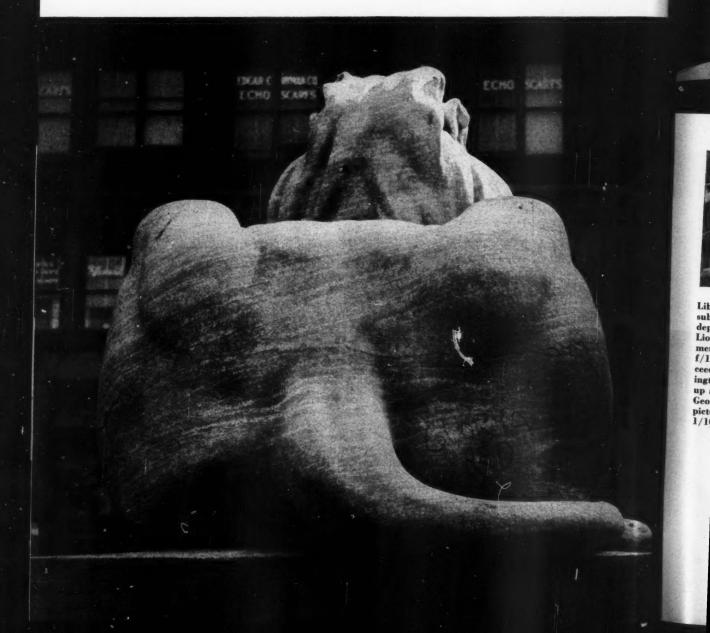
Mother and one-day-old child. Nikon, 1/30, f/2.8, Tri-X.

TRY NEW ANGLES

IT STARTED because the photographer's girl was late for a date. Joseph Bellanca, the photographer, paced back and forth while the Library Lion looked on. (The Lion, at Fifth Avenue and Forty-second Street, is a traditional meeting place for New Yorkers.) To change his pace, Bellanca circled the Lion a few times. Whether it was "Gloria [and] Red" (see inscription below) or the great muscular tail that caught his eye, it occurred to Bellanca that here was a new angle on an old sculpture—a sculpture that constantly endures the prosaic

broadside angle of scores of clicking cameras. By the time his tardy date arrived, Bellanca had focused the end of the Lion on the ground glass of his Rolleicord, and made an exposure.

The result, below, was so entertaining as a picture idea that Bellanca decided to follow through on other popular and much photographed city statuary: the Statue of Liberty, George Washington among them. Bellanca thinks that changing your camera angle will make many dull sculptures visually more exciting.—D. J.







Statue of Liberty, picture-album style (above), as registered by the cameras on approaching tourist launches, passing steamers, commuting Staten Island ferryboats. Bellanca, however, held fire until just underneath the statue, pointed camera directly up (left). All photos were made with Rolleicord.



Library Lion, broadside (above), is an old subject for picture stories, post cards and depth of field tests. But Bellanca held the Lion at bay—from the rear (left) for immensely original and funny shot. Exposure: f/11 and 1/100 sec. with Super-XX. Proceeding to realistic statue of George Washington, (below), Bellanca pointed camera up again, combined building tops, sky and George's hand to make a silhouette pattern picture (right). Exposure was f/8 and 1/100 sec. with Super-XX on a rainy day.





AMATEURS WIN \$10,000 IN PSA-LIFE CONTEST

THE PICTURES SHOWN on these two pages are chosen from the four prize-winning entries which brought their amateur makers a total of \$10,000 in awards in the recently held PSA-LIFE Photo Essay Contest.

Sponsored jointly by the Photographic Society of America and Life magazine, the contest brought in more than 1200 entries from the United States and 45 foreign countries. Some 35,000 pictures were processed before the final choices were made by the three judges: Life Managing Editor Ed Thompson, Assistant Managing Editor Phil Wooton and Picture Editor Ray Mackland.

And now that we've dispensed with the statistics, what of the results? Did the prize-winners fulfill the requirement of the contest? (According to the sponsors they were looking for "the best *Life*-type photo essay submitted by an amateur"). To those who had a chance to see the "essays" on display at the annual PSA Convention in Boston one fact became immediately apparent. The two color entries, while technically

excellent and certainly beautiful, were really not essays! They did not tell a story, with a beginning, a middle, a climax, an end. Does this mean that it is impossible to tell a photojournalistic story in color? Or does it mean that color can be so dazzling that the story element becomes unimportant? At any rate, a number of amateurs who didn't enter sets of color because they felt they didn't have a story-line are going to be extremely annoyed at their own timidity. And a number of black-and-white entrants who did not follow a story line are going to put the question (fairly, it seems to this reviewer) as to whether two standards of judging were used—one for the color, a second for the black-and-white.

Of the first four prize winners, only Leonard Balish's The Man Who Talks To Tigers, can fairly be called a Life-type Photo Essay. It's a curious result when you realize that the judges are all Life editors and should certainly be able to distinguish an essay from a series or a set of pictures.—JACQUELYN JUDGE.



"Nature's Action-Too Fast For The Human Eye" won \$5000 first prize for Lyman K. Stuart, Newark, N. Y. It was shot in color.

"Fingertip World Of A Nine-Year-Old", by Alec McAlister, Toronto, Canada, was awarded the fourth place \$1000. It was





"The Man Who Talks To Tigers", a black-and-white essay by Leonard Balish, New York City, took \$2500 second prize.

a black-and-white series of pairs of pictures, one closeup and one distance shot as shown by the pictures below.





"Moonlight Photography", a color series, \$1500 third prize, was submitted by Carsten W. Johnson, D.D.S., Pleasantville, N. Y.



Informal portrait, right, combines design (of birdcage, ball) and personality. Above, when expressions are fleeting and light is low and difficult, Robinson prefers to work with f/3.5 lens of his Rolleiflex.

JACK ROBINSON

Professions swapped: from commercial art to photography

Do you have to take lessons in order to make successful pictures? Not according to Jack Robinson who, like many of our Discoveries, is essentially a self-taught photographer. And proud of it. Because no rules and styles were imposed on him, he has felt free to experiment—to make mistakes and to profit by them.

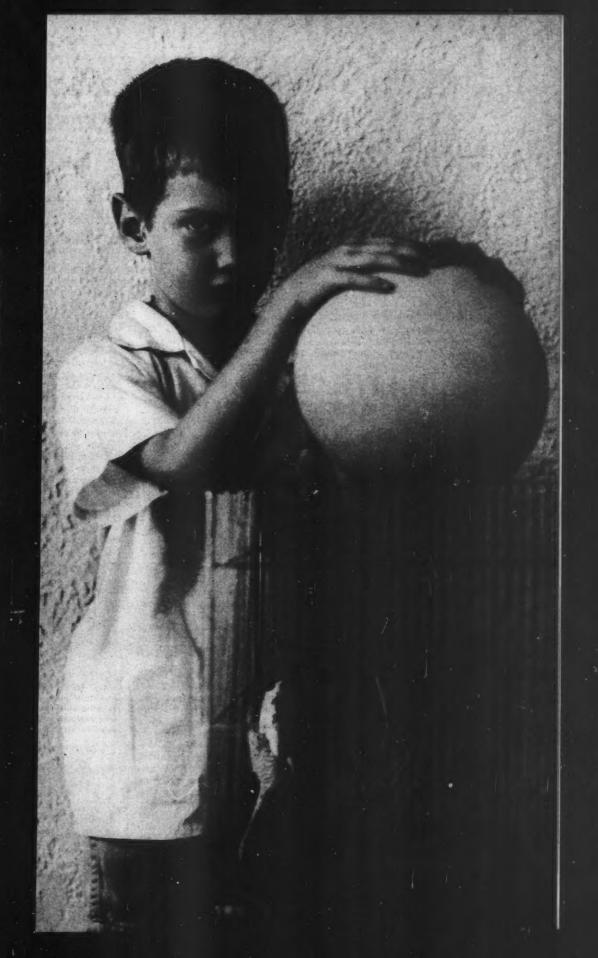
Since he started with a Rolleiflex, Robinson has discovered the virtue of larger cameras, such as the 4 x 5 Linhof which he uses as much as possible today. He feels the larger camera is more useful—for him—because it yields a more versatile negative. That is, he shoots many middle-distance pictures; the large nega-

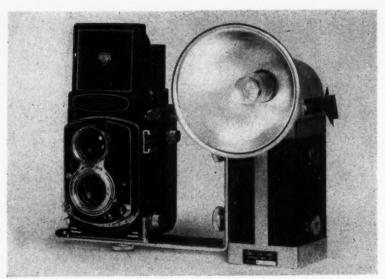
tive has more detail and can be cropped radically during enlarging without loss of quality.

Robinson has an inherent sense of design, as these pictures show. Yet he does not let it dominate his photographs. Design must be controlled, he warns. It should not look forced. Part of the control comes from organizing the picture before making the exposure (right); part, in cropping (above).

Three years ago Robinson was a commercial artist in New Orleans. Now he is a photographer working in New York—looking forward to more work with his favorite subjects, people.—DOROTHY JACKSON

DISCOVERY no. 11





Hershey Sun-Lite "500" is just about the same size as twin-lens reflex camera. Arrow points to On-Off switch. Household type outlet for connecting cord is on rear of housing. Price of the unit, without battery, \$49.50.

SUN-LITE "500" IS NOVEL SPEED LIGHT

COMPACTNESS and electrical efficiency are the outstanding characteristics of the Sun-Lite "500", an electronic flash unit just marketed by Hershey Manufacturing Co., Chicago, Ill.

The complete unit, including the high voltage battery, is contained in a single, sturdy, metal and plastic housing, measuring roughly 7 x 3 x 3 in. With battery, the outfit weighs only 21/2 pounds. Tests with the unit attached to 35mm and twinlens reflex cameras indicated that the combined weight was not excessive. However, with a heavier camera, weight might become an important factor.

Electronic flash units powered by high voltage dry batteries have extremely simple electrical systems. The current from the batteries goes directly to the capacitors, devices which store the electricity until it is released all at once for the flash.

The 240 volt system

Until recently, most such units used batteries which delivered nearly 500 volts. The trend to lower operating voltages is clearly shown in the Sun-Lite "500" which is powered by a single 240 volt battery, the Eveready No. 491 (price \$7.95). This cuts the operating cost to just about half that of the 500 volt units, but of course, the "500" does not have the light output of the larger units. Flash duration is stated to be about 1/700 sec., which will stop ordinary motion but may not "freeze" the most rapid action.

Results of photographic and electrical

tests were in agreement; this little unit does a good job, within its designed limits of operation.

Conservative exposure guide numbers are: With Kodak Tri-X film, 160; Kodak Plus-X, 100; Anscochrome, about 35; Kodachrome, about 20. With light, close walls and light subjects, somewhat higher guide numbers might be usable. (To use the guide number, divide it by the flashtube-to-subject distance in feet. The result indicates the f-number lens setting to use.)

The reflector has a maximum inside diameter of about 4 in., is quite deep and of sturdy construction. Lighting was even.

For consistent results, the unit should be flashed no more often than every five seconds. However, it is possible to get a weaker flash at intervals of three or four seconds.

The "standby" performance is unusually good. If necessary, you can leave the unit turned on even for fairly long periods without a severe battery drain. This is a desirable feature.

One of the main problems with electronic flash units has always centered around the capacitors. If the unit gets fairly frequent use, the capacitors are kept in condition and can store their normal amounts of electricity. However, if the unit is left idle for several weeks, or months, the capacitors temporarily lose the ability to store electricity. They can only regain it by being charged from a strong current source (this is called "reforming" the capacitors) and in the process the battery may be seriously drained.

In the Sun-Lite "500" there is a special circuit which allows a small trickle of current from the battery to the capacitors at all times, even when the unit is being stored. This current has the effect of keeping the capacitors fully "formed" at all times.

Tests indicated that the drain on the battery was so low that it is questionable whether it had any effect at all on battery life. This indicates that the circuit is extremely efficient, and that the capacitors have very low leakage.

What could be improved

The Sun-Lite "500" does not have a "ready light" to indicate when the capacitors are fully charged. This follows an undesirable trend in low-priced units. Without a ready light there is no way for the user to know the condition of the battery, unless it is removed from the unit and checked with a voltmeter. After the battery has had considerable use, the interval between flashes must be extended, or the unit will flash with an incomplete charge. This can only lead to under-exposure, particularly with color. A good ready light circuit indicates when the capacitors are sufficiently charged to give a full-power flash.

The "500" is supplied with an "L" shaped camera attachment bracket. On the one we had, the screws were too long; they penetrated into the battery housing and would have ruined the battery if they had been screwed in all the way. Check this, if you get a "500"; a few washers under each screw knob will prevent damage to the battery. Or, you can cut the screws short.—CHARLES HELLMAN



Flashtube and reflector are assembled as unit, which plugs into socket in battery case. Heavy rubber gasket serves as dirt seal, shock absorber.



Single 240 volt battery slips into bottom of case, makes contact automatieally, is retained by metal plate.

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New Kodak **PANATOMIC-X** Film for the sharpest shots you've ever made!

- Here's the all-new modern version of a famous film . . . new micro-fine grain, high resolution, superior acutance for sharper pictures . . .
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- Plus new rapid processing that gives you a fully developed negative in 7 minutes . . . enlargements from dry negatives in half an hour or so . . .
- Your Kodak dealer has it now—or will have it soon—in 35mm and all the most popular roll sizes—ready to go to work for you.

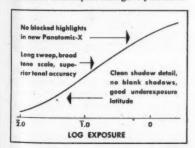
Imagine film grain so fine you can barely find it... image sharpness that lives up to the quality of your finest lens... fast developing and fast drying that lets you start printing from *dry* negatives about half an hour after your film went into the developing tank... a whole stack of big enlargements before bedtime the same evening...

That's the new Panatomic-X.

And it's not just a film for the 35mm fan. It will be equally welcome to meticulous workers in the larger roll-film sizes... experimenters who like to do radical cropping right on the enlarging easel... experts who enjoy the thrill of supersize blowups, up and up from small sections of a fine-textured negative.

New kind of sharpness

Where does all the extra Panatomic-X quality come from? Partly from the new emulsion techniques that gave you ultra-



speed Kodak Tri-X Film, the new faster Plus-X, and high-speed Ektachrome. And from two more new developments—

1. An emulsion with less "light scatter" between the silver crystals. 2. A new wide-range *ultra-thin* emulsion—50 percent thinner than micrograin films already on the market!

These two factors add up to superior acutance (see box)—they assure you the utmost in image sharpness, fine detail,

POOR ACUTANCE. Light scatters in thick turbid emulsion. Details are softened, separation of tones is not clean.

HIGH ACUTANCE. Reduced light scatter in new Panatomic-X emulsion gives maximum sharpness, detail, crisp tone separation.

and crisp tone separation. (Incidentally, a film can have high "resolving power" and fine grain, but if the acutance is poor, the picture detail will be mushy.)

High speed, wide tone range

Old-type ultra-thin emulsions suffer from too much contrast, poor tone scale, low exposure latitude, low speed. But the new Panatomic-X has a curve similar to Tri-X (see box)—which means better exposure latitude, wide tone scale with no blocked highlights or blank shadows, and improved operating speed.

The Panatomic-X exposure indexes are 25 daylight, 20 tungsten. These, however, include the usual safety factor to insure full normal exposure. Finer grain is obtained with a correct minimum exposure that just retains shadow detail. This means that with correctly adjusted



equipment, you can adopt a daylight index of 50. Workers who prefer thinner negatives for rapid enlarging may choose to adopt an index even higher, with some sacrifice of shadow detail.

High-speed processing

The new roll-film Panatomic-X develops in 7 minutes in Kodak D-76; the 35mm, 7 minutes in D-76 diluted 1-to-1. We then recommend 1 to 2 minutes in Kodak Rapid Liquid Fixer, 2 minutes in Kodak Hypo Clearing Agent, 5 minutes in running water, and 15-to-30-minute drying in a current of warm air . . . and you're ready to start printing.

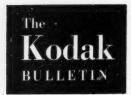
For line work, documentary copies, and the like, you can give longer, stronger development and get very high contrast. Special fine-grain developers are not needed with this micro-grain film, and we recommend that you do not use them.

In all Kodak Tri-X Film sizes

Your Kodak dealer now has—or soon will have—the new Panatomic-X in 35mm and all Kodak Tri-X roll-film sizes, Nos. 120, 620, 127, 135, and 828. Together, these two Kodak films give you a range from the finest image texture and sharpness to the maximum speed for tough light-and-action situations. Put them both to work for you—now.



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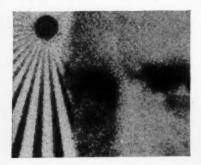


Triple f/1.9 "8" for

—plus our search, with camera and microscope, for some film grain in the new Kodak Panatomic-X Film ... a new dynamic thimbleful of B-C flash for \$9.95... the $$33.75 \, f/3.5$ miniature that got crowded off the back cover... a clip-on illuminator for your \$1.95 Kodak Pocket Viewer... and a swell color-print team.

Micro-fine film

This month (see preceding page) we're glowing with pride about our new Panatomic-X Film. Here's a 100× enlargement from a section of film about the size of a gnat's eyebrow. It helps show what this new micro-grain, high-acutance film can do:



Naturally, to make the test as stiff as possible, we shot the negative with a Kodak Ektar Lens (on a Signet 35 Camera).* Then we had one of our experts make the enlargement through a microscope. It proves Panatomic-X does have printable grain if you blow it up far enough—with a microscope.

Seems to us this new film is one more good reason why you should start using a Kodak Ektar Lens—on a Signet 35 or Kodak Chevron Camera. Panatomic-X is a great film; why waste its sharpness? Use an Ektar, and let your Panatomic-X really work for a living.

*This is the complete picture—the piechart wall of the "third-degree" room in the Quality Control Division where Kodak



Signets and other cameras get a final checkup. (The Quality Control people are inspectors-general who do a critical follow-up on the regular production-line in-

spections.) Negative developed in D-76, 1-to-1, 7 minutes. A 100× print would be over 8 by 12 feet. We blew up a middletone area where grain shows up most; the microscope resolves the grain more sharply than an enlarger is able to.

All this and f/1.9 too

Why beat around the bush? For \$79.50 we want to sell you an 8mm movie camera with an f/1.9 lens . . . and wide angle and telephoto, to boot! All f/1.9!

The camera is the famous Brownie Movie Camera, redesigned with a three-



eyed turret and renamed the Brownie Movie Camera, Turret f/1.9. The standard lens is a color-corrected 13mm f/1.9 mounted "inside" the camera. For telephoto shots, you swing the telephoto barrel into shooting position and you've centered the telephoto converter lens in front of the standard lens. You're now getting the 2× magnification and speed of a 24mm f/1.9 telephoto. For the breadth and speed of an f/1.9 wide-angle lens, you swing the wide-angle converter into position. Neatest trick of the season!

And there's more! The front finder has three etched color-coded rectangles that show the field of view for each lens. On each lens barrel is a scale that shows you minimum in-focus distance for each lens aperture from f/1.9 to f/16. (Images are sharp from the minimum distance to infinity at every aperture; no need to focus.) For parallax correction the rear finder is adjustable to show the field being covered from 3 feet to infinity.

If you're thinking of an 8mm movie

camera for yourself or your family, this is it. If you want to see an ingenious design, this is it. Your Kodak dealer has the new Brownie Movie Camera, Turret f/1.9, in stock. And he'll confirm the price, \$79.50, complete with lenses and nothing else to buy!

Flexible viewer

It's hard to beat a Kodaslide Pocket Viewer for handiness and compactness. Fold it up, slip it in your pocket—it takes about as much space as a couple of matchbooks. Hold it up to any convenient light for slide viewing, anywhere. Only \$1.95.

However, not all viewing lights are exactly what you'd like. For critical viewing, editing, sorting a number of slides at home, it's better to have a made-forthe-purpose illuminator. We've got one—the new Kodak Illuminator, Model 1—only \$2.95—and made to slip right on the end of the Pocket Viewer (see cut). It comes complete with 7-watt bulb and



8-foot power cord, for 105-to-125-volt AC or DC. Smart and streamlined, it also makes a handy handle for holding the viewer. Take a look, at your Kodak dealer's.

V for TV

Shiny prints are a nuisance in front of a TV camera, which is why our soft-textured full-matte Kodak Opal Paper V is making a name for itself on the airwaves. We call this sheenless surface "suede," and it's the surface to grab when you are trying to print a soft, atmospheric scenic... or a very delicate

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portrait... or any other delicate shortscale subject in which paper sheen would be a bother. There's almost no specular reflection at all.

Brief

▶ It isn't that we're against things. It's just that fog, foam and calcium can cause trouble, and so we thought we ought to do something about it. We did.

One or two drops of Kodak Anti-Foam in your solutions will prevent any foam from causing spots and stains on film or paper emulsions. 10 oz. bottle, 51¢.

A little Kodak Anti-Calcium prevents or minimizes the formation of hard water calcium precipitates in all developers except the caustic types. 90 é a pound.

One Kodak Anti-Fog No. 1 tablet added to film or paper developer will suppress fog and increase contrast. It's wonderful for film and paper that has been stored too long or in too much heat, or requires forced development, or when there has been a long time between exposure and development. Bottle of 50 tablets, 94¢.

Very small scenes

Tired of scenics? Try the other extreme—with a microscope. Movie or still. If you don't own a microscope, borrow one. The world of the ultra-small is a fascinating place to explore. For photomicrography with a still camera, get the Kodak Data Book, "Photography through the Microscope," from your Kodak dealer. A supplementary booklet on motion pictures through the microscope can be had on request to our Sales Service Division.

Good color team

There's a new 32-page, 35-cent booklet, "Kodak Ektachrome Film," which rounds up a passel of useful facts on this mode'n high-speed transparency film and its use in daylight and with direct and indirect flash. There's also a new 75-cent revision of the "Kodak Flexichrome Process" book.

You should have both—because Flexichrome and the new Ektachrome make a natural team. Especially for anyone who likes to do his own processing and enlarging without a lot of fuss or special lab controls. You shoot, say, a 2½ x 3½, 2½-square, or 35mm Ektachrome transparency...make a good black-and-white negative from it...make a black-and-white Flexichrome print, up to salon size if you choose. Then you use the Ektachrome transparency for a color guide as you convert the Flexichrome to full color. And you adapt the colors to



suit your fancy—for Flexichrome is a free-wheeling process that gives your artistry free rein. Costs less than you might think, too.

Get these two books—they'll open up some refreshing new vistas for you.

Muscular midget

Here's a sweetheart of a midget B-C flash unit for only \$9.95. It's the new Kodalite Super-M—neat, compact, but a powerful handful.

Flash units took a long time to get down to the size where they look right



and feel right on a hand camera. This is one you'll really like. Uses up practically no space in your gadget bag. It takes either M-2 or No. 5 or 25 or 8 lamps... uses a B-C circuit for maximum dependability... uses the new small 15-volt photoflash batteries... has a bracket that fits it to most cameras (you can also get it with a special bracket for Kodak Retina IIc and IIIc Cameras, same price). Its neat 5-inch cord has interchangeable connectors for ASA bayonet and European-type flashposts.

The reflector, of course, is a tough, non-denting, Kodak Lumaclad reflector—with the vacuum-deposited mirror-bright surface that gives you 50 percent more efficiency than old-type reflectors. Only 3 inches across, this reflector is shaped to squeeze every possible lumen out of your extra-midget bulbs. For convenience, there's a sliding flash calculator on the back of the battery case.

The smartly functional case fits the hand comfortably, and has a chrome front and Kodadur-covered sides. The reflector is detachable. Two color choices: a black model, to go with your Kodak Signet or other black-and-metal cameras, and a brown model to match a Kodak Bantam RF, or Kodak Pony 135, Model C, or Kodak Stereo Camera.

Back-cover addenda

There's just so much room on the back cover of a magazine and no more. So,



we had to leave out a new version of a camera that shouldn't be left out.

It's the Kodak Pony 135 Camera, Model C, one of the sweetest budgetpriced miniatures that has come up in a long time. It's made to order for the man who wants a low-priced camera with a fast lens or a second miniature for black-and-white work. Here's a quick run down on the Model C: Kodak Anaston Lens, f/3.5, 44mm. Focuses to 21/2 feet. 1/300 shutter, body release, film-type indicator, depth-of-field scale, automatic metering, exposure counter, no-thread loading, and a price that makes it today's best buy in the miniature field. The Kodak Pony 135, Model C, is \$33.75 at your Kodak dealer's.

Prices include Federal Tax where applicable and are subject to change without notice.

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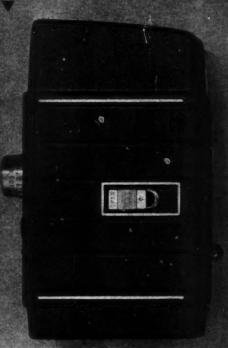
MGDERN'S HOME MOVIE COURSE: SECTION 1

how to buy a MOVIE CAMERA

by PETER LEAVENS

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At one end of the motion picture camera-price scale is this Belf & Howell 220. Its cost is moderate, and roll film operation makes if economical to use.



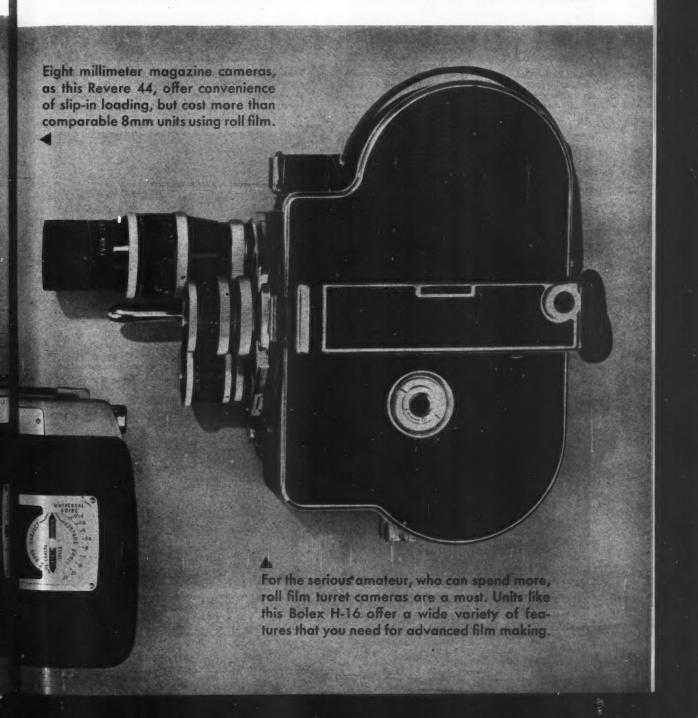
Sixteen millimeter magazine cameras are fine for the man who wants big-screen projection and the convenience of easy loading. Here we have the Cine Kodak Royal with focusing lens. YOU'VE BEEN TRYING to decide upon a movie camera to buy. So, after employing the survey method amongst friends, neighbors and total strangers ("Say, what's the best camera to buy?"), you find yourself filled with facts, figures and fancy—but no answers. You have also discovered that there are an awful lot of movie cameras in this world. You're on the ropes; and in self-defense, you may even think that the last camera someone told you about is the one you ought to have.

Actually, there are only two things about which you should be thinking at this stage in your movie making; how much you can spend and just what amateur movie making means to you. Once you've answered those

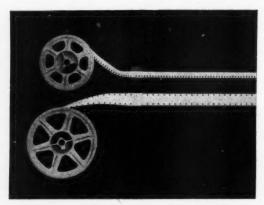
questions and found some middle ground between them, the choice of camera narrows down to comprehensible proportions. On pages 88 and 89 are some camera features you should know about.

Movie cameras range in price from around thirty-five to hundreds of dollars. But, even if you can afford the most expensive one, it doesn't mean that you will be happy with it. Satisfaction with equipment depends upon what you intend to do in movie making.

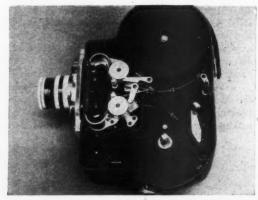
This business of taking time, place, and action and putting it on film means different things to different people. You may feel that your movie making is going to be limited to family (Continued on page 98)



HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER



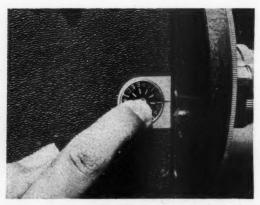
Eight millimeter film is returned from the processor in 50-foot reels. The original double-8 is split and spliced end to end. Sixteen millimeter is returned on 50- and 100-foot reels supplied by the processor.



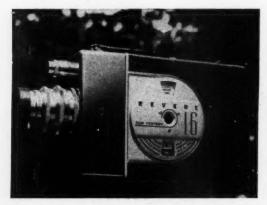
This Bolex H-16 automatically threads film from roll to sprocket wheel, through film gate behind the lens, then to second sprocket, and finally to take-up reel. Spring motor furnishes the power.



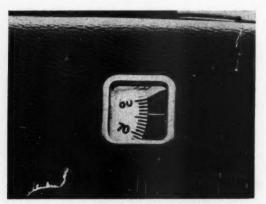
Magazine is loaded through rear of Bell & Howell 200T, is properly seated when click is heard. A 16mm magazine contains 50 feet of film which is exposed on its first trip through the camera.



Frames-per-second indicator on this Bell & Howell is located behind turret. For most purposes, 16, 24, 48, and 64 frames per second are adequate. You may want single-frame action for animation.



Cameras on which lenses are interchangeable, often have matching viewfinders. Front of viewfinder on this Revere 37 is removable, and is changed to match focal length of the lens which you are using.

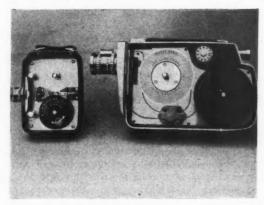


All cameras have footage indicators showing unexposed film. Those working off sprocket drives, as on the K-100, must be pre-set before closing camera. Other types are set automatically.

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BEFORE BUYING YOUR FIRST MOTION PICTURE CAMERA



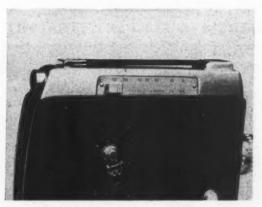
An 8mm DeJur Citation, left, can be slipped into a pocket. The 16mm Kodak K-100 is almost twice as big and, for best results, must be tripod-mounted. You can hand-hold the 8mm for average shooting.



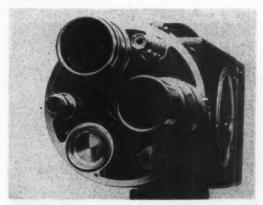
Door on one side of this Cine Kodak Royal opens to take magazine. Camera is ready to shoot with magazine in place. Magazines can be interchanged before entire film has been exposed.



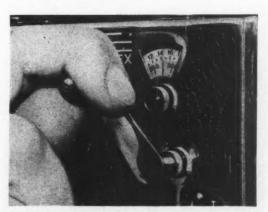
This is a Bolex Octameter, a viewfinder that can be adjusted to the particular lens you are using. The octameter can also be adjusted to correct for parallax, explained more fully in the text.



Zoom-type finder on this Cine Kodak Royal is operated by a lever on the side which slides along a scale marked for several lenses. Stopping at the proper setting automatically adjusts field of view.



Some three-lens turrets have matched viewfinders for each lens. Rotating turret on Bell & Howell 200TA brings proper lens and viewfinder in line. Turrets can be had on magazine and roll cameras.



An accurate rewind handle and frame counter make lap dissolves and tilting in the camera easy. Film, in case of the Bolex H-16, can also be rewound and changed before exposure of full roll.

MODERN'S HOME MOVIE COURSE: SECTION 1

YOUR FIRST

THIS is the real beginning. All the shopping, questioning, and buying has been leading to one thing—the first time you load your camera for your first try at movie making. And if you're like everyone else who has ever cut loose with a movie camera, you won't be able to wait for that first attempt to get back from the processor. This first film is important because it means the start of something new and because it can teach you a lot about making good movies.

Before starting your first movie-making sortie,

familiarize yourself with your movie camera. Read the instruction book thoroughly and try a few dry runs. Work the shutter release, wind the motor and adjust the lens. Keep notes while shooting this first film as you can learn a great deal by checking the results against those notes.

Here are a few things you should know before actually exposing a single frame:

1. Exposure: Every roll of film you buy comes with a slip of paper containing exposure instructions. By

HERE'S A SIMPLE, STRAIGHT LINE STORY IDEA THAT CAN BE



1. ESTABLISHING SHOT: Orient your audience to the action by showing them a view of the film's setting.



2. MEDIUM CLOSEUP: This kind of shot is used to bring attention to the scene's most important person.



4. MEDIUM CLOSEUP: This is a transition shot, bridging the extreme closeup and other shots that make the film.



5. MEDIUM LONGSHOT: This permits you to film action without resorting to unreliable camera panning.

by ERNEST PITTARO

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following the suggested settings, you can achieve acceptably exposed films. A second approach, a slightly more accurate one, is to use one of the inexpensive Kodaguides. This simplified slide-rule type of aid gives exposure information for several films. The best, and most accurate way to find the right exposure, is to use an exposure meter. Simple meters sell for comparatively little, but the more sensitive ones are priced higher.

2. Focusing: If your camera has a fixed-focus lens, make sure to shoot no closer than the recommended

ADAPTED TO FIT YOUR NEEDS



3. EXTREME CLOSEUP: The extreme closeup pinpoints your center of interest. The subject dominates.



6. CLIMAX: The scene should end when the climax is reached. That's the best yardstick for scene length.



HAND HOLDING your movie camera isn't the best thing. But if you must, lean against wall with elbows close to body and camera held firmly.



TRY RESTING the camera, or your arms, on some object that will give the camera or your arms support. Most flat surfaces will work well.



THE BEST way to film with your movie camera mounted on a tripod. You must use a tripod for telephoto lens operation.

markings in the manual. Minimum distances vary with lens diaphragm openings—smaller openings permitting you to go closer to the subject. Focusing lenses are adjusted for camera-to-subject distance. You can use an accessory rangefinder, or learn to judge measurements by comparing the distance with the size of some familiar object whose length you know. A tape measure can be utilized for closeups.

3. Holding the Camera: The best way to shoot movies is to mount your camera on a tripod. Every movement of the camera is emphasized in projection. Never try to hand-hold when shooting with a telephoto lens. But if you must hand-hold, try bracing the camera against

a wall, on a table, or on a chair.

4. The Viewfinder: Some cameras have zoom viewfinders—as you adjust a lever on the finder for the lens employed, the right field of view appears on the finder. Others have etched markings on the front element. Learn to frame your scene properly so that you don't chop off heads or leave out essentials. Most viewfinders have some means of parallax correction. This compensates for the difference in angle between what the lens actually sees and what your eye sees through the viewfinder.

5. Panorama Shots: There will be a strong temptation to use your camera like a garden hose, spraying it all over the landscape. Moving the camera to take in a large scene in one burst is called panning. It often results in blurring. You can pan to follow a moving target, such as a boy running or a car speeding down a highway. Don't pan faster than the action itself. The slower the pan, the better the result. Film with the camera stationary for a few seconds before and after panning.

6. Scene Length: There is no fixed time for scene length. Keep shooting as long as the action is interesting; stop when the climax has been reached. Keep in mind that the worst thing, from an audience's viewpoint, is a film that has been chopped into little pieces

of action.

7. Keep the Camera Spring Wound: If you rewind your camera after every scene, you will always be ready to shoot unexpectedly long action.

Now, let's get on to the actual making of a movie. What to shoot? Look around and you'll discover a dozen things that lend themselves to movie making.

We went to a local playground looking for something to film and became fascinated with the antics of a bunch of kids on a slide. One little girl seemed to be having an especially good time, and we decided to make her the star of our production. We used wide-angle, telephoto, and normal lenses. You can shoot the same kind of story using your normal lens. The first thing we did was to film an establishing shot as shown in the series of pictures on pages 90 and 91. The establishing shot is important because it orients your audience to the surroundings. It doesn't have to be too long—just long enough for everyone to become acclimated. A wide-angle lens did the trick, framing children playing on a slide in the center of the scene.

The normal lens was switched into place, and the camera moved in for a medium closeup of the little girl. This kind of shot points out the center of interest in the film.

A third shot shows the little girl flat on her stomach and about to start her slide to the bottom. We used a telephoto from the foot of the slide to make this footage. Here's where planning comes into the picture. We knew that the action would be much too fast for us to gain the whole sequence in one try. We moved back several feet and waited for the child to return to the top of the slide. By so doing, we were in a position to shoot the descent without panning.

An unexpected climax, pointing out the value of having the camera fully wound at all times, then finished the story. Another youngster came screaming down the slide right behind our subject, and both of them ended up in a laughing pile of arms and legs at the bottom. We had wound (Continued on page 128)







FOLLOWING ACTION with your camera is permissible when you aren't interested in the background but in the action itself. Pan slowly for best results.



BAD PAN will blur your image pretty badly. Avoid panning scenery. Instead, break up the scenery into several shots, stopping the camera before moving it.



TRY FILMING by flood lamps and by natural light with your first roll of film. Both sources of light can be pretty useful to the home movie maker in his indoor



film making. Above all, don't be afraid to experiment. Try a variety of lighting setups, keeping notes. Check your notes against results, adopting the arrangements you like.



NORMAL, WIDE-ANGLE, AND TELE-PHOTO LENSES ADD LATITUDE TO YOUR MOVIE MAKING, so get to know what they can do for you. The frame on the far left was shot with the normal lens. The middle one was filmed with a wide-angle lens. A telephoto was employed for the frame on the right. The three lenses are part of a team. When used properly, they can help you to avoid a monotonous sameness in your movies. Wide-angle lenses are great for shooting indoors in tight quarters, while the telephoto helps bring in those distant shots.



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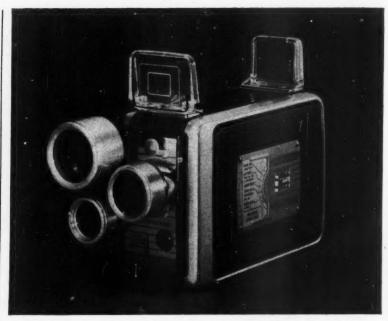
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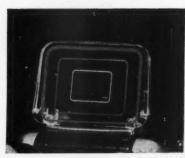
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THIRD PRIZE \$10. Don't make a move without thinking of the effect! Carl Williams, Habens, Tex., used backlight for drama, contrasted sharp and soft focus which seems to reflect the concentration in a chess game. Speed Graphic, f/8, 1/50 sec., available light.

HOW GOOD is your guessing power? Try to guess the shutter speeds used for these pictures before reading the captions underneath. We were fooled when we thought the pictures at left and directly below were made at fast speeds, while those, opposite page, were exposed for perhaps 1/25 or 1/50 second. You don't always have to use fast speeds, even for action situations. The girl below was caught at the peak of action and expression; the nuns, left, at a pause in action. When there is no imminent motion, as in the chess game, below left, exposures often can be longer than 1/25 second with little risk of blur. It's a good idea to use faster shutter speeds, however, when photographing a group-especially when it consists of children (opposite) whose expressions may change without warning!

"I Tried it Myself" is a monthly black-and-white contest. You can submit any number of pictures. They must be 4 x 5 or larger. Put your name, address and all technical data on the back of each print. Enclose a stamped (first class postage), self-addressed envelope if you want us to return pictures we can't use. All entries are considered for use elsewhere in the magazine. Send them to: Columns Editor, Modern Photography, 33 W. 60, New York, N. Y.

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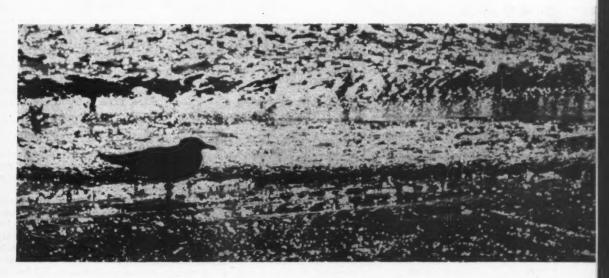


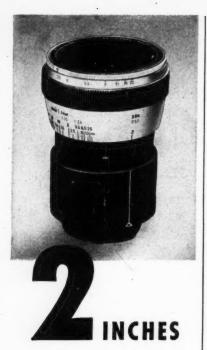


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affairs—birthdays, vacations, or your son's first step. The films will probably be highly personal things, only of interest to the immediate family and a few friends. You may never show them outside your own living room. A singlelens, fixed-focus camera may be sufficient for your purposes.

But you may eventually go a step further with your movie making. A trip to a national park could result in footage that deserves a wider audience and needs advanced technique. Or suppose you want to film that high school football game. Suddenly your movie horizons start getting pushed back, and you begin to shoot footage that requires a lot of built-in camera features. It's almost certain that you are going to want a slightly more elaborate camera.

And there's yet another step beyond the last one. The movie camera has tremendous creative potential. You may decide, right now, that documentaries, animation or big production-type movies are your eventual goal. If you do, it may be a good idea to invest a little more today and get the kind of movie camera that will fit into your future.

Let's for the moment assume that you intend to confine your movie making to the simplest type—family record shooting. You'll want a camera that will slip into your pocket and which is economical to operate. You won't need more than the simplest mechanism. Thus, you can choose one of the low-priced 8mm movie cameras that have been developed in recent years. They shoot at the standard silent speed of 16 frames per second.

As you climb up a bit higher in the 8mm price class, you will find cameras that offer additional speeds—single frame, 8, 16, 24, 32, and 64 frames per second. The 8-frame speed is fine for static scenics and comic effects. Twenty-four is the speed for optical and magnetic sound, while 32 and 64 are for slow motion.

Movie film packaging

Movie film comes in two forms-roll and magazine. Roll film must be threaded from its reel through a system of sprockets, a film gate, and finally to a takeup reel. Loops must be formed during threading to ensure proper passage of the film through the camera. Magazine film is packaged in a lighttight box affair in which the loops have already been threaded. You simply insert the box in the camera and it's ready to use. When the camera shutter is released, a curtain-like shutter on the magazine also opens, making exposure possible. One advantage of magazine film is that magazines can be changed

before being completely exposed, permitting you to change from one type of film to another at any time. If a magazine has been improperly loaded at the factory, or if it has been handled roughly, it may jam—sometimes the entire film will be lost.

Film width difference

Eight millimeter film is half the width of 16mm. However, when you buy 50 feet of 8mm film, you actually purchase 25 feet of 16mm film.

The 8mm camera is so designed that only one half the width of the film is exposed as it runs through the camera. After shooting the entire length of the film, you reverse the film and run it through the camera again. The remaining half of the film width is exposed on the second trip through the camera.

In a roll film camera, the film is reversed by removing the full spool from the takeup spindle, turning it over, and placing it on the feed spindle. The other, empty, spool goes on the takeup spindle.

To reverse magazine film, you remove the magazine from the camera, flip it, and reinsert it.

After processing, the film is split lengthwise, spliced and returned to you on a 50-foot reel.

Sixteen millimeter film is sold in 50foot magazines and a minimum of 100foot rolls. A 16mm roll or magazine load is run through the camera only once.

How a movie camera works

A spring-wind motor supplies power for the spindles (on which the take-up reel is mounted), the sprockets and a pull-down claw or shuttle. The pulldown claw starts and stops the film as many times as the frames per second indicator has been set for, in order to effect exposure. A synchronized circular shutter opens the lens when the film stops, and closes it when the film moves. Film consumption is shown on a dial outside the camera. Most film indicators work via a lever arm that rests on the diminishing supply of film. Others are geared to the transport mechanism (see picture, page 88).

Compare 8mm and 16mm

An 8mm camera is light, convenient, and is inexpensive for taking movies; but it is limited in the kind of movie making it can do.

Sixteen millimeter film permits a much bigger projected image than 8mm before grain and distortion become noticeable, and it is the choice of most serious amateurs and professionals.

Sixteen millimeter color film costs more than 8 mm. A 100-foot roll of 16mm color costs about \$10.40, as com-

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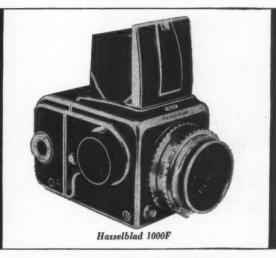


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Movie lenses

Movie cameras come equipped with either of two types of lenses—fixed focus or variable focus. With fixed-focus lenses, you will have to be approximately a minimum of six feet from your subject to get sharp pictures with the diaphragm at maximum opening. However, as you close down the lens, many fixed-focus cameras permit you to work in closer. If you follow the instructions that come with the camera, your movies will be acceptably sharp from the specified minimum distance to infinity.

Variable focus lenses can be set for the exact distance from camera to subject. This type of lens allows you to get closer to your subject than most fixed-focus lenses—sometimes as close as 18 inches or less. Lenses with focusing mounts will also give sharper pictures than fixed-focus lenses at a given distance. Focusing lenses are usually faster than fixed-focus lenses, and they can be used under lighting conditions that would stop the man with the latter.

Lens mounts differ

Incidentally, check to see how your lens is mounted. On low-priced cameras, the lens is usually fixed permanently in place. Other cameras permit you to unscrew the lens and substitute another type. This feature allows wide flexibility in movie making technique. Three lenses are basic to movie making—normal, wide-angle, and telephoto (or long focus). Most movie makers start off by buying one lens—the "normal" one, and add more later.

Screw-in mounts on 16mm cameras are generally "C" mounts. Eastman Kodak cameras, however, often have a special arrangement. Eight millimeter screw mounts, similar to the one on 16mm cameras, are called "D" mounts. Some Bell & Howell 8mm cameras also have a special type of mount, while Eastman uses its own system. Before buying an interchangeable-lens camera, check the type of mount it has.

Whether you buy an 8mm or 16mm camera, you may want to invest in a turret model. Turrets permit the mounting of two or three lenses at the same time on the camera. Rotating the turret brings the lens you want into position. Turret cameras cost more; however, if you intend going into serious movie making, you'll eventually want one.

A well-built camera will take a certain amount of normal, and sometimes abnormal, abuse. Rigid construction is a must in a good serviceable camera. Avoid the sheet-metal camera body. Often enough, squeezing the body of that kind of camera is enough to slow down or even stop the motor.

Today, many low-priced cameras are made, at least in part, of plastic. There's nothing wrong with that—but remember, they will not take as much punishment as a metal-cast body.

When you purchase your camera, check the motor run. It should be reasonably quiet. Make sure that the motor runs down evenly—without stuttering to a halt. If you intend shooting lengthy scenes, make sure the motor run is long enough to suit your needs.

Viewfinders

There are several different types of viewfinders. Some are made for use with only one lens. Others have, on their front windows, etchings designed to give the field of view for normal, wide-angle, and telephoto lenses.

The zoom-type finder manually adjusts to the field of the different lenses. As you slide a button back and forth, the viewer shows the proper field of view for the lens you are employing. Zoom-type finders are to be preferred to finders that merely drop a mask in place for the lens in use. In a zoom finder, the image itself is enlarged. In the mask-type of finder, the front part of the finder is made smaller by the mask.

Built-in fade

You may want to do special effects while shooting your main footage. In most cases, special effects are put into a film in the editing stage. However, some cameras have fading devices built-in—or they can be had as accessories.

With a fading device and a rewind crank, you can do lap dissolves—one image fading out and a second coming into view, simultaneously, until only the second one remains on the screen. The rewind also permits you to add titles over previously exposed footage before sending the film out to the processor. Another camera refinement you may need is a frame counter. With an accurate frame counter and a rewind crank you can wind your film back to the exact frame where you want to start your lap dissolve or title.

There are a great many things to consider when you buy a camera. In the final analysis, however, no one can answer the question of what camera to buy but yourself.—THE END

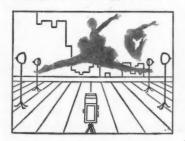
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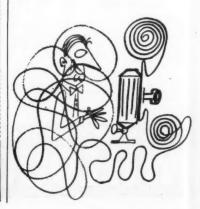
Minimum shooting distance with the normal lens is 2 feet at f/16, while with an f/1.9 setting, you have to be at least 10 feet or further from your subject. The telephoto convertor allows you to go in as close as five feet at f/16. However, at f/1.9 you have to be at least 30 feet away from your subject.

The viewfinder is the open type, with etched markings on the front for wideangle, normal, and telephoto fields of view. The back of the viewfinder has a parallax correcting slide that can be set at 3, 4, 5, and 8 feet and at infinity.

Modern tested the Brownie Turret' and found the lenses good at f/3.5 and smaller openings. However, despite a slight softness at the larger diaphragm settings, the lenses were adequate for average purposes. We also checked on the viewfinder and found that it worked accurately.

The camera has only one speed-16 frames per second. The lever which operates the shutter can be locked in place for continuous run. A built-in exposure guide works according to subject, film, and lighting, both for indoor and outdoor shooting. The Kodak red dot system can be used for average shooting. If you are shooting on a sunny day, using Kodachrome film, daylight type, all you do is to switch the lens into place, set the diaphragm at the red 8, and the rear viewfinder at the red 15. The Brownie Turret uses standard 8mm double-8 roll film and is simple to load.

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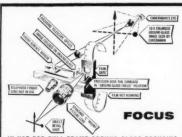
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THE LEICA SYSTEM

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As for the two f/1.5 lenses, the 50mm Summarit and 85mm Summarex, excellent work has been done with both lenses. Do you really need such a lens? You can hardly expect an f/1.5 lens to have the same definition at full aperture as an objective of similar quality at f/2 or f/2.8. The new faster black-and-white and color films make shooting at smaller, safer apertures a lot more practicable.

Screw and bayonet mounts

Incidentally, all screw-mounted lenses are interchangeable between the M3 and the If, IIf and IIIf models (except one, the collapsible 90mm f/4 Elmar). Adapter rings are available to convert screw-mounted If, IIf and IIIf lenses to fit the bayonet mount of the M3, although bayonet-mounted accessories cannot be adapted to screw mounts. By the way, if you own any 35mm camera with accessory lenses and want a really clear finder, take a look through the individual Leitz Optical-Brilliant viewfinder. It is just about unequalled.

The Visoflex reflex housing is not as compact as the built-in prism of a reflex 35mm camera. But many exacting technicians—scientists and doctors—seem to prefer the Leica system with its accessory Visoflex because of its precision and durability, although it is a bit more complicated and bulky.

The Leica Meters

Now to the two Leica Meters (picture, page 56). The model M seems a bother at first, sitting atop the M3 camera, but the coupling with the speed dial does speed up exposure computations and consequent camera settings. Both it and the even smaller Leica-Meter 2 are extremely sensitive in low-light intensities, although "2" reached the top of the scale too frequently in brilliant light. The larger "M" Meter seemed a bit more rugged than the smaller "2", but you can't expect an extremely sensitive meter the size of your thumbnail to be built like a ten-ton truck. (Both meters have ASA calibrations. The top mark is 800 ASA on the latest "2," and 400 on the "M.")

The stereo system is bound to interest 3-D fans. A great deal could be written for and against splitting a standard 35mm l x 1½-in. frame into a stereo pair by means of a double-lens system. Those accustomed to stereo made with the system producing two stereo pictures,

23 x 24mm. may find the 18 x 24mm vertical format picture a bit small. On the other hand, all the problems of proper stereo mounting for hand viewing and projection are dispensed with since your stereo pairs come back in standard 35mm, 2 x 2-in. cardboard mounts. The Leica 3-D projection system is easier to operate than the 23 x 24mm system.

Summing it up

We've only been able to sample a few of the many Leica accessories. It would take years to become expert with all of them. We've made a rapid listing of items of major interest, page 108, but a complete directory of all Leica equipment with list prices is available for the asking from Camera Editor, Modern Photography. 33 West 60th Street, New York 23, N. Y.

Let's sum up our thoughts on the Leica system of photography. How do we feel about it? There may be handier cameras for specific jobs than the Leica. Cheaper and often more compact accessories and equipment are perhaps available. But for ruggedness, durability, versatility and adaptability, quality without compromise, the Leica system stands by itself as a model for what all photographic engineering should be.—THE END

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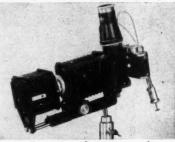
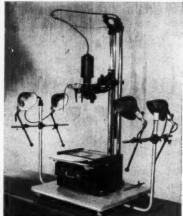


image size ratios, plus exposure factors for both 50mm and 135mm lenses. With the lens unit of a 135mm Hektor you can focus from infinity to 1:1 (full subject size). Of course, you'll need the reflex housing for this.

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Close Focusing: There are Optical Close Focusing Devices combining a short extension tube for the lens and moving optical wedges and masks for the range-



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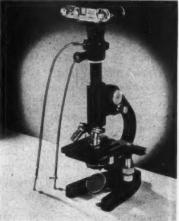
Rapid winder: The Leicavit, which replaces the regular baseplate on Leicas with serial numbers above 400,000 (it cannot be used on the M3), has a folding lever. One movement of the lever from right to left winds both film and shutter in fraction of a second.

Cases: A variety of different designs are available for Leitz equipment. There are, of course, the ever-ready camera cases and leather tubes for lenses; also combination cases to hold camera and



equipment, plastic cases for lenses, and metal, watertight shock resistant compartment cases for the "f" models only.

Microscope adapter: The Micro Ibso which replaces the regular Leica camera lens connects directly to the eyepiece of



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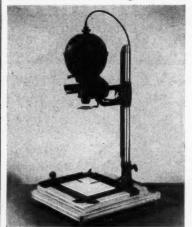
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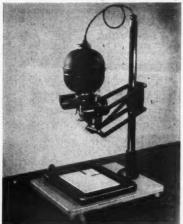
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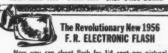


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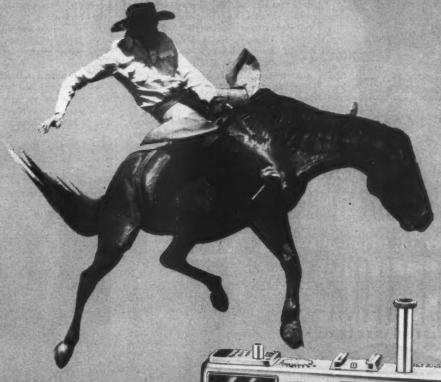
All this was disclosed recently at the Photographic Society of America convention at Boston, by Dr. Edwin H. Land, president and director of research of Polaroid Corp., and inventor of the Land 60-second camera. There were demonstrations, too. Dr. Land took a picture of Mr. Norris Harkness, outgoing President of the Society and projected it on a 12-foot screen a minute later. Observers could count threads in Mr. Harkness' coat. To show practical applications of the film's speed, Dr. Land took snapshots in the hall during the course of his lecture, without flashbulbs or any additional illumination. He explained that the great speed of the film also makes it possible to use lens settings that keep details sharp at all distances in the scene, from foreground to background. And the slides produce twice the brightness range that can be reproduced by good paper prints.

Some practical applications

In addition to amateur use (where slides made minutes before can be projected for group viewing), there are industrial and commercial areas where the new system is expected to be of great value. Business meetings will be able to rely more heavily on visual presentation because an entire report or program can be put on slides in a matter of minutes. To show what can be done in teaching, Dr. Land projected a slide of a newspaper article, typical of the sort a teacher could pick out of the morning paper on his way to school, and later snap and project for his current events class. Another slide showed a machinery layout. Still another was a copy of an x-ray. Undoubtedly camera clubs and other groups will find the new film a big help in making up interesting programs.

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EISENSTAEDT

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Whether on assignment or vacation (spent usually in Martha's Vineyard), the Leica IIIf has been Eisenstaedt's favorite camera. Now, however, he has switched almost completely to the M3 model. Although the added size and weight of the M3 bothers him a little, he feels that the parallax-free, onewindow rangefinder and clear-edged, multifocal viewfinder of the new model are invaluable improvements. (When working with the IIIf, which he still likes for any jobs where he needs to photograph more unobtrusively, he never uses the viewfinder window. Instead, he keeps it covered with black tape and mounts an optical-brilliant viewfinder in the accessory shoe.) Eisenstaedt uses three M3 bodies and three IHf bodies plus a number of older models.

When Eisenstaedt covered the Ethiopian preparations for war with Italy in 1935, he shot 35 picture stories on 110 rolls of black-and-white film with three Leica cameras and only three different lenses. These were three Elmars of 35mm, 50mm, and 90mm focal length. He still feels that these three focal lengths are the essential ones for any amateur or professional, although he has the following made by four different manufacturers available in his locker at Life: 21mm f/4.5 Biogon, 35mm f/3.5 Summaron, 50mm f/1.4 Nikkor, 50mm f/2 Summicron, 85mm f/2 Nikkor, 90mm f/4 Elmar, 135mm f/4.5 Hektor, 200mm Telyt, 300mm f/5.6 Kilar, and a 400mm f/5 Telyt-all in leather pouches.

Why so many lenses?

On assignment, Eisenstaedt takes the Leitz lenses in his three favorite lengthsplus the 135 mm and 200mm objectives. Of the others, he says:

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No one believes in using the finest equipment more than Eisenstaedt, but he is somewhat critical of photographers who are constantly testing lenses, discarding one for another that might possibly be better. Eisenstaedt, who has been through the craze for bench tests, now does all the testing himself by taking pictures with the lens. If it produces technically acceptable photographs, it is a good lens.

This is the Eisenstaedt of today, far too concerned with the actual taking of pictures to analyze where he got his talents and how they developed. You ask him how to become a photojournalist: "To some extent, you can train yourself by being observant," he replies. "What else can you do? It is hard to define how a photojournalist learns." But Eisenstaedt was not always a photojournalist. Somehow it began, somewhere he learned.

Alfred Eisenstaedt was born December 6, 1898, in Dirschau, West Prussia. (Now Poland) where his father owned a department store. While he was a child, his family moved to Berlin, so the young Eisenstaedt attended school there. Alfred was given his first camera by an uncle when he was 12 or 13, an Eastman No. 3 folding Kodak that produced



Eisenstaedt: "If Beethoven hadn't been born in this room in Bonn, Germany, it still would have been a good picture. Others might have told you how excited they felt, how the room inspired them. I was thinking: 'In a small room like this, such a genius was born.' At the time I was there (1934), the light fell through the window onto the floor, and so I took the picture. There probably was no other way to do it anyhow."

postcard-size pictures. He processed these in his parents' bathroom and printed on printing-out paper in the sun. The pictures he made were very poor, and he soon lost almost all interest in photography. For a brief time after leaving school, when 16, he worked as an apprentice in a department store in Thuringia. For recreation, he attended the theater and concerts. Occasionally he still took pictures. At 17, he was drafted into the German Army, and in 1918, while on the Western front, was wounded in both legs by shrapnel.

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amid violent mobs of veterans searching for army officers to bait and strip of their uniforms. But Eisenstaedt, who had shown bravery in combat (he volunteered for almost every dangerous mission), abhorred violence for its own sake. With the family savings gone in inflation, this veteran found a job selling belts and buttons wholesale and grimly went about the business of learning a trade he disliked.

Choice: salon or impressionism?

When, in 1927, Eisenstaedt regained interest in photography, artistic creation in Germany was heading into two divergent courses. Smarting under defeatism, it found refuge in a return to the glorious Germanic past-the Ring Legend, Goethe, Frederick the Great-or sought new terms of expression in music, art, and literature, which somewhat reflected the futility and decadence of a trampled culture gone sour. In photography, the choice lay between the experimentalists, who felt they were creating new art forms in fantastic collages, solarizations, and impressionistic blurs, and the salonists, who tried to revisit the happier yesterday. In the woods around Berlin, Eisenstaedt found peace and inspiration in nature for his salon photographs. He learned to move his camera and tripod inch by inch until he had just the scene he wanted. Exposures were calculated to produce maximum quality negatives, and glass plates (film pack and sheet film were too expensive) were processed in the bathroom. Hours were needed to make the technically excellent prints then fashionable. He frequently passed what other spare time he had in Berlin museums, especially admiring the older, established masters such as Rembrandt. Franz Hals, Rubens, Velasquez. If lighting and composition were learned from any source, he admits perhaps it was while studying these masters. Today, Eisenstaedt says that he rarely studies the work of other photographers lest he unwittingly copy their techniques when photographing the same type of subject.

Making pictures that sell

In 1927, Eisenstaedt took a vacation in Czechoslovakia from belts and buttons and made his first salable picture, a salon pictorial of a tennis player with a long. late-afternoon shadow. But he went back to Berlin and forgot about the picture until the following year when, with a newly acquired enlarger, he finally made a print of it. This he took to the editor of the photographic annual, Der Photo-Freund, who wanted it. Eisenstaedt asked the editor, Dr. Frerk, whether it was pos-

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EISENSTAEDT

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sible to get pictures published in newspapers. He was amazed to learn that newspapers would not only publish them but pay as well. Dr. Frerk suggested that Eisenstaedt try the rotogravure section of the big daily and Sunday newspaper, Das Berliner Tageblatt, which was known as Der Weltspiegel. Its editor asked for the same picture, so it was published in the rotogravure section with a caption announcing that Autumn. with long shadows, was on the way. Eisenstaedt received 50 marks (the equivalent of about \$12.50) and his first credit line. Now the photographic bug had really bitten, and Eisenstaedt produced and sold more pictorials.



The dirigibles were monstrous in size, but Eisenstaedt used the Graf Zeppelin in 1934 as part of an almost pastoral scene while it lay moored in Brazil.

Pictorial photo sales were limited since only illustrative photographs which happened to fit into a newspaper or magazine's needs were bought. These publications urgently needed pictures of current events of the type which a photographer named Dr. Erich Salomon had been supplying with the help of a small, ingenious, new camera called an Ermanox. This instrument had a focalplane shutter, a 100mm f/2 or f/1.8 lens, and made pictures on 4.5 x 6cm glass plates in existing light. Salomon had become a regular fixture at all important meetings of European statesmen after he had demonstrated the camera's ability to make pictures unobtrusively without flash powder or the need for posing his subjects. The politicians worked and Salomon photographed.

Here, enter Eisenstaedt. He began to draw assignments to these meetings and. encouraged by the editors, bought an Ermanox. He and Salomon photographed, by existing light, the first important picture stories of international meetings. Salomon, for instance, shot a picture of the Italian, German, and French statesmen hard at work at the opening of a conference. He was there hours later to make a second photograph

of the same statesmen who, by then, were half asleep, frowsy, and haggard. The two photographs made a masterful picture story. Salomon, whose pictures had undeniable news interest, could sense the important single picture as well as the picture story. Eisenstaedt added his own sense of pictorial photography. He deducted as much time from his wholesale belt-and-button business as he dared. Belt-and-button sales dropped alarmingly as Eisenstaedt's pictures were reproduced more frequently, so one day he was given his choice: belts and buttons or photography? Four days later, in December, 1929, a full-time, free-lance photographer, named Eisenstaedt, was on his way to photograph Thomas Mann's acceptance of the Nobel Prize for Literature, in Stockholm.

Eisenstaedt covered conferences at The Hague, Lausanne, Geneva. He traveled with various German chancellors of the Weimar Republic, and he crawled all over the inside and outside of the Graf Zeppelin on its round trip from Brazil. Most of these pictures were assigned and bought on a free-lance basis by the Pacific and Atlantic News Agency, a forerunner of the Associated Press.

Besides the important news events, Eisenstaedt also photographed great musicians performing at concerts and



Eisenstaedt: "In 1930, I photographed Chaliapin from the front row of a Berlin theater. My Ermanox was mounted on a folding tripod and time exposures were made with an exceptionally quiet before-the-lens shutter. Exposures at f/1.8 were a matter of luck."

night club entertainers in available light, using the Ermanox. The slightly grainy and fuzzy results would today be acceptable to most editors and photographers, but would not now please Eisenstaedt technically.

Before 1930, he was weighted down by the bulkiness and clumsiness of his equipment. When he photographed the wedding of Boris of Bulgaria and his bride, he trundled around the following equipment: the Ermanox with 36-dozen glass plates and 24 metal plateholders; a 2½ x 3½ Plaubel Makina with f/2.9 lens, at least 120 plates, and 24 metal holders; a 9 x 12 single-lens reflex with 120 more plates and 24 metal holders.

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For greater portability on some diplomatic or social assignments, Eisenstaedt had tiny pockets sewn into the tails of his full dress suit in which he secreted some plateholders for the Ermanox.

In 1930, a photographer friend and Eisenstaedt were walking one day down a street in Lausanne, Switzerland. In the friend's hands was a squashed, black, leather-covered cylinder from which protruded a minute f/3.5 lens. A musical band of beautifully costumed children, marching like toy soldiers, passed. The friend remarked that he would like to shoot pictures of them, but he was feeling lazy. Would Eisenstaedt like to borrow this new camera and try it? Eisenstaedt did, and the results were so pleasing, Eisenstaedt's "friend" sold the pictures under his own name. They were splashed over four pages in a German illustrated picture magazine. Eisenstaedt then bought his own Leica A., a far different Leica from that of today. The 50mm f/3.5 Elmar lens was not interchangeable, it had no range-finder, and speeds were only 1/20 to 1/500 sec. If Eisenstaedt didn't need the speed of the Ermanox f/1.8 Ernostar lens, the Leica was the camera to use. He was free at last of glass plates and holders; instead, he had a small camera, capable of being carried almost unseen. When the Leica manufacturers introduced a model featuring interchangeable lenses (Leica I), he bought it.

Alas! Undone by sharpness

But he couldn't always use the Leica. In 1930, editors became intrigued with impressionistic photographs, blurred backgrounds, unsharp foregrounds. The Leica's 50mm f/3.5 lens, the fastest then available, had just too great a depth of field. In short, Leica pictures were too sharp! So he used his Plaubel Makina and a 6.5 x 9cm folding Zeiss Mirroflex with f/4.5 Tessar lens.

This phase passed, and Eisenstaedt resumed work with a Leica. At first, the only film available was regular, grainy, motion picture stock for which special fine-grain developers were introduced, further cutting the already slow film emulsion speeds. Film did not come in neat cartridges. You bought it in bulk, cut and wound it yourself into the special Leica cassettes, and there were no daylight-type bulk loaders.

Press pass: knock on the head

In the early thirties, during the rise of Nazism and Fascism, photographers snatched every available picture they could of the military and political leaders. Posing was mostly out of the question; but Eisenstaedt, by covering a great many of the important news (Continued on page 120)

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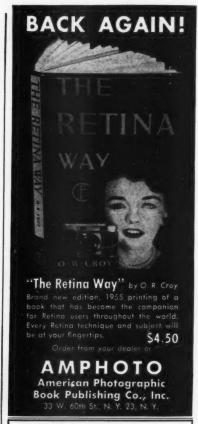
events as Associated Press photographer, became as familiar with the officials as he dared. Sometimes he was arrested anyhow; and once, in Bulgaria, while photographing King Boris at the opening ceremonies of Sofia University, he was knocked down by police who thought his camera was a gun. He accompanied Gustave Adolf, the Swedish Crown Prince, and his family all the way to Turkey, where he also photographed Turkish strong man Kemal Ataturk. The Associated Press was happy to get whatever pictures Eisenstaedt could take, since in this period world figures tolerated photographers but seldom cooperated with them.

When Eisenstaedt went on an assignment, he knew fairly well what was wanted-pictures of a personality, a news event-always something tangible. In 1932, Kurt Korff, then editor of the Berliner Illustrierte Zeitung and of Die Dame, a fashion magazine (Korff was later to play an important part in the starting of Life magazine), sent Eisenstaedt to do a series of stories in St. Moritz, Switzerland. There was no personality and no news event. What was he to photograph? Said Korff: "Bring me back pictures of snow looking like sugar." No one is quite sure whether Korff made the remark because he really wanted pictures of snow looking like sugar or whether it was a suggestion merely to get Eisenstaedt to think creatively; but Korff got his sugar snow and a good deal more. These were the early days of the pictorial essays later to become an important part of Life policy.

Finding and founding a new life

Eisenstaedt left the Nazis and Fascists behind in 1935 and came to the United States. After some work for Harper's Bazaar, Vogue, Town & Country, and other magazines, he was hired as the first staff photographer of a new but yet unnamed experimental magazine to be published by Time, Inc. Of the first experimental stories Eisenstaedt handed in for two dummy pre-publication issues, Henry R. Luce, editor-in-chief, later wrote in Eisenstaedt's memento book: "My confidence in Life, in our actual ability to do a job in pictorial journalism, began when Alfred Eisenstaedt got back from his pre-publication assignment."

Life published its first issue on Novvember 21, 1936, with Eisenstaedt's name, of course, on the masthead. In the United States photojournalism was new, although in Europe Eisenstaedt had been practicing it for years. Previously, the American editors had subordinated the pictures to the writing. Even news



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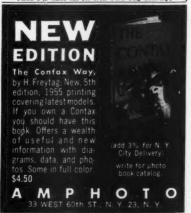
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stories were written first and the pictures then used to illustrate the stories. At Life, the photographer learned to go on an assignment with a bare shooting script, and the story was built around the pictures. Eisenstaedt immediately became one of the few on whom the magazine could rely for any assignment.

Eisenstaedt has managed to completely subordinate ego to the job at hand: "Just say that I am Eisie, one of the photographers," he explains. He doesn't think of himself as an artist, but instead agrees with Fritz Goro who, when asked during the Eisenstaedt interview for his opinion of photographers as artists, said: "I've worked and associated with many of the greatest scientists in my lifetime. They have really accomplished something and make me realize how little we've done. Are we great artists? No, we are more entertainers than artists."

Instead of "artistic creation," Eisenstaedt talks about his work at Life as "group journalism."

"The amount of work each photographer may turn in or have published does not matter," he says. "We are working together to produce the best possible magazine. There is no time for temperament or disappointments."

Eisenstaedt allows nothing to ruffle his composure: "My success in photography? I haven't cracked up yet, and I still swim on the surface. A photo reporter must have nerves of steel and. yet, a gentle heart; if I let things bother me, I would have died long ago."

He feels that if he is to achieve fame, it must come sometime in the future, from the pictures he leaves behind. Now there is no time for empty adjectives like "famous" or "great." Adjectives get in the way of a photographer's lens, and Eisenstaedt's only concern is the picture.

What will be his place in photography? Perhaps one of the many thousands of people Eisenstaedt has seen through his viewfinder, poet and doctor William Carlos Williams, put it best. He wrote to Eisenstaedt: "How strange that from staring through a glass of peculiar shape at dictators and kings, generals and statesmen, those who have sought one way or another to rule the world, you have come away so whole a man, so willing still to search, your sense limpid as the lens that stood between you and the creatures of the world, for what further you may find. It is as if that miracle of glass, built to record without the faintest hint of a flaw those frightful images of terror on the sensitive and impersonal film, has endowed you with its grace of infinite purity, anastigmatic, clear as the sound of a silver bell, against all you have so accurately limned, fit and ever eager to record a poet's fleeting shadow."-THE END

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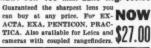


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that he can tell without looking at it what it would read, and so he marks his rolls of film accordingly.

But let's go indoors now, where the child is playing. The sun is shining outdoors, and you will do well to keep the child away from the window unless you provide a strong reflecting surface. My picture on page 75 was taken while Andrea was in bed with chicken pox. The sun hit her bed, and although there was plenty of light to shoot by from the reflection on the white bedspread, the highlights on her brown hair are completely blocked. In this case, however, they carry out the sunshiny feeling of the room. (1/50 second at f/4, using Kodak Tri-X at a rating of 320-instead of the recommended rating of 200 ASA for daylight, or 160 for tungsten illumination.)

It was while taking another picture under similar circumstances that I made a small but important discovery. I was in a hospital, wearing a white coat to blend in better with nurses and keep things hygienic. In this picture the white coat served as a portable reflector (giving wonderful highlights in the child's eyes). And I have worn a white coat ever since whenever I can do so without attracting too much attention.

A much more common procedure is to shoot with your back to the window. Within three to 12 feet of the window the light will be excellent. There will be no need to interfere with the child's play: just read your meter, setting emulsion speed up to 800 if you wish. And big rooms with several windows on more than one side are ideal shooting grounds.

Where else to shoot

Did you ever think of following your child to a nursery or to school? If you arrange it ahead of time, the school would probably not object. With meter set at film speeds of 320 to about 650 you can usually shoot at 1/50 and f/5.6 and get beautiful results.

You can get these pictures if you are unobtrusive, armed with only your camera, a few rolls of film in your pocket or a special belt (like a golf or ski belt), and a light meter. School, hospital, and even church will not object to picture taking, once you have convinced them how little you interfere with their business.

Outdoors you can shoot as long as you can see to focus. The picture of Maureen (top of page 74) was taken at 7 P.M. on a spring evening. The light meter was set at 400, which gave me the possibility of shooting Tri-X at 1/100 and f/4, an especially favorite exposure of mine as it lets the children move

pretty fast, and blurs the background pleasantly. The film was developed in D-76 for about 15 min. at 68 F.

For a change of pace you might try to photograph a child when he visits the doctor. Offices are often lit by fluorescent light, which has a daylight quality and thus gives beautiful results when shot and developed for high emulsion speed.

More on lighting and exposure

I don't see anything wrong with setting up enough bounced flood lights or substituting No. 1 or No. 2 floods for the existing household illumination if I can do this well in advance of the shooting. But there are cases when you must either shoot by available light or lose the picture. If necessary, I prefer to expose 1/10 of a second hand-held, with the lens wide open, and let everything go dark except the face I want to catch, rather than have no picture.

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I don't try such methods if I don't have to. But I would urge you to take a chance rather than lose a picture. Sometimes unorthodox, "faulty" lighting or exposure will produce interesting effects, block out uninteresting background and cause you the kind of pleasant surprises you would never be able to get if all your pictures were carefully lit. If you have to shoot slowly (say at 1/25 second or less), be sure to brace the camera, if possible, or at least hold your breath while pushing the trigger. If the subject moves, that may give the picture an interesting, alive feeling-but few pictures were ever helped by shaking the camera. When you use your camera wide open, don't forget that your depth of field is exceedingly limited and that focusing must be very accurate.

Available light technique has given real freedom to photographers, letting them concentrate on more important things than flashbulbs, hot lights, tripods and other gadgets. And I firmly believe that parents can take better pictures of their children than any professional can, because they know them so well and because they are together all the time. All they have to do is perfect their technique to the extent that they should be ready to shoot in practically all circumstances at a moment's notice.

If you learn some of these shooting techniques in the beginning, you will never have to worry consciously about them later, and you will be able to concentrate on the more important aspects of the pictures: not the how, but the why. The how is getting easier every day; the why remains a constant fight and challenge for all of us. I feel that the possibility of shooting with available light has greatly increased our chances to devote more time to the essential part of photography, which is-simply-taking better pictures.-THE END

ANY LEICA QUESTIONS? HERE ARE SOME ANSWERS.

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Whenever Modern has assembled a report on a major piece of photographic equipment, (see pages 52 to 57) questions about construction and rumors of changes to come crop up. E. Leitz, Inc., offered to answer any questions or search out rumors that Modern found. The following are the queries as assembled by Modern's editors and the official answers from E. Leitz, Inc.

QUESTION: Are the current If, IIf, and IIIf models of the Leica to be discontinued?

ANSWER: The Leica Models If, IIf. and IIIf are listed items and are currently being manufactured. These cameras form the basis of the Leica System, and the Leica M3 does not replace them. As a matter of fact, the demand for the "f" series cameras has been on the increase despite the introduction of the Model M3. Due to this increased demand, the Leitz plant in Germany is endeavoring to increase the production of the "f" series cameras.

QUESTION: Does the Leica M3 keep the film flatter in the focal plane than the other models?

ANSWER: The Leica M3, due to its larger swivel-mounted pressure plate and its longer precision-ground film tracks, does keep the film flatter in the focal plane than other models of the Leica camera.

QUESTION: Why couldn't the filmadvance lever on the Leica M3 be so made that it would take only one throw to advance the film instead of two?

ANSWER: The film-advancing lever could easily have been made so that a single stroke would transport the film and wind the camera, but a single-stroke operation would require that the lever be moved through a greater arc which would interfere with proper viewing and would definitely increase the operating time between sequence pictures. Tests proved that two short strokes resulted in steadier camera position and more rapid operation.

QUESTION: Why are the corners of the projected frame finders on the M3 rounded instead of squared off, as in the actual negative?

ANSWER: The bright-line frame outlining the field on the 50mm lens is not directly incorporated as part of the viewfinder optical system, but it is re-(Continued on page 124)





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flected into the finder-field in the same manner as the 90mm and 135mm inter-changeable masks. The images of these masks are reflected into the finder-field by a prism. The dimensions of the 50mm bright-line frame are such that it would necessitate a prism of increased size unless the corners were made round. The round corners, of course, in no way interfere with proper viewing, and the design is aesthetically pleasing.

QUESTION: Why isn't there another built-in frame finder in the M3 for the 35mm wide-angle lens? Since there isn't, can the over-all edge view from the M3 finder be used in an emergency if a separate finder is not available?

ANSWER: The upper practical limit of the viewing angle of the eye, without an optical system embodying minification, is approximately 45°. If a frame outlining the field of the 35mm wide-angle lens were incorporated in the M3 camera, it would have been necessary to employ a range-viewfinder-optical system with minification rather than its existing system which is near unity.

The over all view, as seen through the M3 finder outside the 50mm bright-line frame, is slivetly less than the angle embraced by the 35mm wide-angle lens; but this field very closely approximates the coverage of the 35mm lens and can be used except for the most critical work or where parallax compensation is necessary.

QUESTION: The 85mm Summarex f/1.5 lens is not specifically mounted in bayonet form for the M3: Why is this?

ANSWER: The bright-line frame of the 90mm lens does not correspond exactly to the field of the 85mm Summarex, and it is for this reason that the Summarex is not available in bayonet mount. The Summarex can be used on the M3 by employing the 90mm adapter which brings the 90mm frame into position. The difference in angle betwen the 85mm and the 90mm lenses is only 1° which represents ½° on either side of the axis.

QUESTION: Will the present 28mm lens be continued in production, or can Leica owners expect a new one?

ANSWER: The 28mm Hektor f/6.3 lens will be discontinued and replaced by a new 28mm Summaron f/5.6 extreme wide-angle lens. This new objective is not expected until around the middle of 1956.

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QUESTION: Can you make double exposures with the M3? If so, how?

ANSWER: Double exposures with the Leica M3 are not recommended where critical registration is required since, when taking up the film slack, there may he a slight movement of the film from the position it occupied when the first exposure was made. However, if a double exposure not requiring critical registration is desired or if the shutter is inadvertently tripped with the lens cap in position, a second exposure may be made without advancing the film any

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Double exposing with the M3: Thumb of left hand prevents rewind knob from turning; index finger keeps film adserious degree as follows:

(a) After making the first exposure in the normal way, pull up the rewind knob and remove film slack by turning the knob in the direction of the arrow.

(b) Set the rewind lever on the front of the camera to its rewind position.

(c) While holding the rewind knob (in its upper position) in the crotch between the thumb and first finger, and while holding the rewind lever in its down position with the first finger, wind the shutter with the right hand by operating the winding lever two strokes. The second exposure is then made by depressing the shutter release.

QUESTION: Why don't old-style film cassettes fit the M3?

ANSWER: When the Leica camera and the film cassettes for it were first made. over 30 years ago, there was no existing standard for magazines. Standards were not established until some time after film manufacturers began packaging film for the Leica and other 35mm cameras. Introduction of the M3, which is an entirely different camera, offered an opportunity to construct a cassette conforming with international standards. This cassette will not only fit the Leica M3 but all other models of the Leica.

OUESTION: Was there any reason to

M3 so that people who owned both a Leica IIIf and an M3 could use lenses interchangeably and instantly.

ANSWER: The interchangeable mask feature of the Leica M3 necessitated a departure from the screw-mounting lenses used in other models. The automatic change of frame is more readily accomplished by the use of the bayonetmount than when using a screw-mount. Much research went into the design of the M3 mount, and it retains all of the desirable features of the screw-mount. plus the increased rapidity with which lenses may be interchanged.

In switching to a bayonet-mount, Leitz still maintains the same accuracy of flange to flange seating as is possible with screw-mounting lenses. The bayonet-mounting lenses maintain their own individual mount whose thread pitch, focusing scale and rangefinder cam are matched to the focal length of that particular objective. By changing to a bayonet-mount, we have not incorporated, as have some other cameras, a single mount which is used for all lenses.

QUESTION: Are there to be more models of the Leica based on the M3?

ANSWER: No additional models similar to the M3 are contemplated. Production facilities are already taxed to

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As before, Tri-X is recommended when a very high film speed is required. But to fill the medium speed, all-purpose role, Kodak advises use of Plux-X film, which is now available in two forms. For 35mm camera owners there's a brand new emulsion, called Plux-X, which can easily be identified by the purple band on the yellow carton. Speeds on this new 35mm Plux-X are ASA 80 daylight, and ASA 64 tungsten. If you own a roll film camera, or use film packs, the regular Plus-X with 50 ASA rating for daylight, and 40 ASA rating for tungsten, is still available.

That's not all. The name Panatomic-X

is back again on a completely new finegrain emulsion with speeds of ASA 25 for daylight, ASA 20 for tungsten. It's available in 35mm, 120, 620 and 828 film sizes, as well as for bulk loading.

The first big color change involves Kodachrome. From now on all Kodachrome roll film will be sold without a processing charge included in the price. Instead of mailing exposed film to Kodak directly, you return it to the dealer for shipment either to Kodak or a color processing lab of your choice. Kodak will do the processing if you wish, but will charge separately for the processing service. If you still have Kodachrome which included processing in the price, you can, of course, send it directly to Kodak for processing without paying an extra charge.

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the spring tight after the last shot and had enough spring wind left to get a surprise ending that made the story.

All shots were made from one side of the action. This is known as keeping direction. When you make a radical change in the side from which you are shooting -from extreme left to extreme rightyour audience will be momentarily disorientated to the scene. Don't try walking with the camera while filming. Your camera will bounce all over the screen. Hollywood cameramen employ booms and dollies to move their cameras while actually filming.

Know your equipment

This first film of yours is a kind of research into movie making. So, experiment. Light quality, depending upon its source, varies quite a bit. Shoot footage by direct floodlight, and by sunlight streaming through a window. Place your model a few feet from the direct rays of the sun in the latter shot. You'll probably find that the natural-or available light, as it's called-is more flattering and softer, while the flood-lit scenes are somewhat harsher by comparison.

If you own a telephoto lens and a wide-angle lens, now is the time to determine what they can do. Shoot a scene with your normal lens; then, shoot the same thing with both wide-angle and telephoto lenses. Stand in the same spot

for all three shots.

If you use black-and-white for your first filming attempt, and perhaps you should, try several scenes with and without filters. Remember, filters reduce the amount of light entering the camera. The lens diaphragm must be opened to compensate for this. The amount of extra exposure required is the "filter factor," and this is usually listed in the instruction sheets that come with the filter and in each film package. You can combine some of your test filming for economy. Try varying the length of individual scenes. At the same time, hand-hold your camera and then film with your camera on a tripod. Employ all the frame-per-second speeds on your camera. Normal silent speed is 16 frames, while sound is 24 frames per second. The eight frames-per-second speed is often utilized for comic effects. The other speeds, 32, 48, and 64 frames, are slow-motion speeds.

Some movie makers reserve a few feet of every roll they shoot for experimental purposes. They keep trying for new angles, approaches, and new ways to look at familiar things. Every roll you shoot should be a kind of adventure, leading to improved technique and truly creative home movie making.—THE END

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garden of England in the late nineteenth century the above scene would not have been an uncommon one. It was in the days when the "magic lantern" was probably the most popular form of entertainment, and oil lamp enlargers and glass sheets common photographic equipment. The boy in the drawing might have been Charles Duncan, then an apprentice to an itinerant photographer, pushing a portable darkroom on an old perambulator chassis, and learning first or second hand from Daguerre, Talbot, Lumiere, and other masters.

Duncan grew up to become one of England's best known photographers. Kings and presidents, cabbages and jewels, aging cathedrals and Egyptian temples all were processed thru his "magic soap" and wet plate negatives (often up to 30 x 40 inches), sometimes by methods which would cause Hurter and Driffield to turn in their graves. His adventures include one where he was suspected of having stolen the Mona Lisa from the Louvre, another where a photograph he made saved another where a photograph he made saved an apparently guilty man from the gallows. an apparently guilty man from the gailows. Charles Duncan has just put his long and adventurous career into a heart warming book. It is one from which you will not learn a thing, but a book you'll have to be pulled away from forcibly to come to dinner. It is a rare gem of pure wit and nostalgia which will not only delight you but every photographic friend to whom you are thoughtful enough to send a gift copy. \$2.50. AMPHOTO, 33 W. 50th, New York 23.

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Dr. Cinema says:

Are your movies created, or do they just happen? Couple imagination to your lens for audience-stopping films.

I know a man who owns fourteen cameras. Now although this probably isn't the most earth-shaking news you've heard in a long time, the most interesting angle to me, at least, is the fact that he doesn't make pictures. No picture of his has ever progressed from his darkroom to an exhibition. Not a single one has ever appeared in a magazine. Actually, his biggest problem seems to be deciding which camera to use. Yet technically, the fellow is very good. It's just that when it comes right down to the challenge of putting an interesting subject in front of his lens, this guy might as well be doing equations. And therein lies some sort of moral.

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Probably the greatest single factor which swayed me from still to motion picture work was the fact that I could spend more time on subject matter and story-letting someone else (the laboratory) worry about the technique. Eastman Kodak's old sales pitch, "You push the button-we do the rest," still rings pleasantly in my ears.

After all, new exposure meters, sharper lenses and more dependable camera equipment have simplified the problems of exposure and focus down to elementary levels. Then photographic writers (such as myself) still beseech the movie-maker (such as yourself) not to try to hand-hold everything; not to pan too rapidly; to always shoot sequences instead of single scenes-and so on.

Two kinds of movie makers

Taking it for granted, then, the fact that in home movie work, technique is one of the simpler problems, what is the challenge to you as a home movie-maker -you who perhaps own a simple camera with one or more lenses, a splicer, projector and screen?

Well, first of all, let's set up an arbitrary division between two different types of movie makers. Group "A" includes all those fellows who merely want to record the growth of the family and all of the fun they had during that time. Their main worry is "Will the colors come out all right?" and "I hope that the spring doesn't run down before I get this shot.

Group "B" is the fellow who feels that there are more possibilities to home

movie making than he has ever had the real courage to tackle. He has learned to use his meter intelligently and believes it when it says "f/8". He has also found out that a movie-maker's best friend is his hyper-focal distance.

But regardless of their individual backgrounds, all these people actually have one thing in the backs of their minds when they are shooting-and that is-"How are people going to like this on the screen?" And this is the real challenge we've been talking about: how to make even better films for friends or family to enjoy. (After all, if your films start getting. worse, you'll soon have no one but yourself to show them to and this, I imagine, can become quite dull.)

So you're dabbling in one of So? the greatest creative mediums the world has ever known. You've just paid five or ten bucks for that roll of film and that, in my estimation, gives you the right to be just as creative as you have a mind to be

O.K. So now you're creative! Whither now, Mr. Cinematographer?

Select the right way

Begin by realizing that all of a sudden, you've become a story-teller and you're telling a story to people who haven't heard the story before. Your first camera scene actually starts out by saying, "Once upon a time, there was-' Was what? A lovely beach? Two people? A fight? Or all of them put together?

There are so many ways to say something by visual means that as soon as a person starts thinking creatively, the biggest problem soon becomes one of selection. Let's say that you've decided to tell the story of how your family went down to the beach one week-end and had a wienie roast. The first part of the story will probably tell of the preparations. How can you show this most effectively?

How about a big close-up of the wienies lying on the kitchen table as a huge hand reaches into the scene, grabs the package and puts it into the basketas the camera follows it over, just to see what's happening. Next scene would, of course, pull back to establish the

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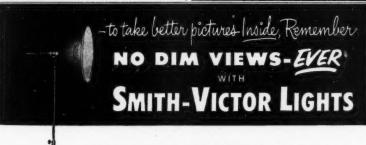
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location and people involved. A bit of footage can be usefully spent showing everyone helping pack the lunch-basket. If you have no lights, maneuver the gang into the sunlight which spills through the window. Don't neglect a few closeups of faces -so that you can later cut to them when the action in your general scenes doesn't match.

So now the family's off to the beach. piling out of the front door and with the basket in enthusiastic evidence. How do you get creative with a scene like this? Well, after establishing the scene with a long shot, get down on your stomach on the back floor of the carhave little Butch open the back door to reveal the rest of the family coming down the front walk. If you want to start the trip out with a bang, shoot a closeup of a hand turning on the ignition key-cut to a very short closeup of a shoe tromping down on the accelerator and then to a long shot, showing the loaded car driving away-filmed at 8 frames per second.

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A few nice medium-long shots of the car going through traffic would be nice here—only shoot them at normal speed (since under-cranking would speed up the rest of the traffic too) and keep them short, since these scenes are merely a transition between house and beach.

The family arrives at the beach. Add your creative element by choosing an unusual viewpoint for the scene. Put the camera on the ground-use your wideangle-and point it up so that when the car stops, a series of heads pop out of the window, all looking at the sea. Another effect would be to shoot the family taking long, leaping steps toward the ocean-shooting at 48 frames per second.

Shoot candidly

But now out come the blankets to sit on-the kids shed some clothes and streak for the water as Mom hollers after them to be careful. The session with the medicine ball, the castles in the sand and the rest of the horse-play should be covered candidly-your only creative element here will probably be in the way you pick unusual camera angles to tell the story to that audience back home

As the sun begins to set, don't pack up the camera, because here's where you'll find your most exciting lighting. With one eye on the meter and the other on your subjects, you will find little time to worry about camera mechanics and, if you know your camera, this will be a very good thing. If the gang decides to fire up their wienies in this real late afternoon sunlight, so much the better for your shooting.-DICK HAM

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BOOKS in use

by GEORGE B. WRIGHT

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By the time you read this, time will be calculated in terms of "shopping days until Christmas." If you have read this column over the past months you will not be surprised to learn that I think of

Christmas (and all other occasions for gifts) in terms of books to give—and, of course, books I'd like to see under my own tree. A book is a long-time source of pleasure, it can be selected to match the tastes of almost anyone, and books can be found to fit almost any pocketbook.

If pressed, I think I could find almost a hundred titles, new and still in print, which have a photographic interest plus a wider appeal. Let's look at the top of such a list.

The "Family" for the family

There is no question this year about the first item: The Family of Man, which in its book version has a wider appeal than any picture collection in covers has ever had before. It is a wonderful illustration of the popularity of quality when it is made available in inexpensive form. As almost everyone knows by now, the book contains over 500 photographs from the exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art this summer. The exhibition is now traveling here and abroad and the book is holding its own nicely on the best-seller list.

There are two versions of the book: a paper-cover \$1 edition (Maco) and a \$10 hard-cover (Simon and Schuster) version. The latter is a beautiful book and I have heard a number of fairly hard-boiled people exclaim in pleasure when it arrived through the mail. (I pull my copy off the shelf frequently when I have company and it is always admired.) You could do worse than make this a one-book Christmas, with copies of the bound version of The Family of Man for those at the top of your list, and a bundle of the \$1 version for the others.

While The Family is a safe choice for anyone, whether or not they know one end of a camera from the other, there are a number of other books with a wide appeal. Japan, pictures by Werner Bischof, text by Robert Guillain (Simon and Schuster, \$10)

is one of these. Bischof, one of our really important photographers, arranged this collection just before his death this year and the book was reproduced by sheet-fed gravure in Switzerland. The subject-matter of the photographs will interest a very wide group, and the technique of Bischof's work makes it especially interesting to those who understand excellence in the medium.

Let me remind you, too, of a book mentioned here several months ago, The World of Albert Schweitzer, with pictures by Erica Anderson selected and arranged by Barbara Morgan (Harper and Bros., \$5). The pictures cover Schweitzer in Africa and in Europe, and the book itself is an intelligent and sensitive arrangement by Mrs. Morgan, which brings out the best qualities of the photographs.

Babies are nice people

If there is a new mother somewhere on your list, you should consider A Baby's First Year, photographs by Wayne Miller of his youngest child, with captions by Dr. Benjamin Spock and Dr. John Reinhart (Duell, Sloan and Pierce-Little, Brown, \$5). The photographs cover the first year from the moment of birth to the one-candle birthday cake, a loving record of development and dawning intelligence, with captions on the facing pages which get across a surprising amount of guidance and advice to new parents in brief form. Keep this in mind for any of your acquaintances who are about to enter the adventure of parenthood. They will enjoy it and remember the giver for a long time.

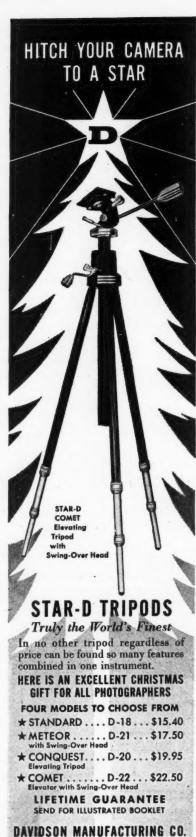
Some special interests

In planning your Christmas shopping, you might consider, too, a book which had much less attention (at least in the photographic magazines) than it deserved-but which has still gone into its second printing. This is Clarence John Laughlin's Ghosts along the Mississippi (Scribner's, \$12.50). Laughlin is a photographer of surprising gifts who will probably be recognized more widely a generation or two from now than he is today (which is an exasperating fate for any man!). Ghosts is a wonderful portfolio of large reproductions of photographs of the fast-disappearing Louisiana plantation houses.

Laughlin is not only an extremely competent architectural photographer (his prints regularly appear in archi-

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tectural magazines all over the world) but also a poetic interpreter of the scene before his camera. His work suspends in time the mood and atmosphere of the old South, its beauty and decay. This, again, is a book which has an appeal on two levels: the subject-matter will interest many persons you know, and the photographic techniques and the photographer's way of seeing will interest other photographers.

Some living history

Some hundreds of miles west of Laughlin's Louisiana is the Mission San Xavier del Bac, in the Arizona desert. A paper-bound book of Ansel Adams' photographs of this church, with a text by Nancy Newhall (5 Associates, \$2.95), will make a fine gift for friends who plan a trip, for those interested in the Southwest country, or for those who like excellent photographs carefully reproduced. There are a number of plates in color, also, and a long, useful note by Adams on his methods of work under the conditions at the mission.

For admirers of Winston Churchill, which is a very respectable number of persons indeed, there is a picturebook assembled by the well-known English photo-historian Helmut Gernsheim and annotated by Randolph S. Churchill. Called, obviously enough, Churchill, His Life in Photographs (Rinehart, \$5), it covers the span from 1874 to the present in family pictures, portraits and newspictures.

How LIFE Gets the Story, by Stanley Rayfield (Doubleday, \$5) is one of those items which is designed for the Christmas trade-but in this case the author has succeeded in putting together a book with a genuinely wide appeal. There are 40 double-page "spreads," each reproducing pictures from a Life story with a brief account of the story behind the story. Many of the pictures are in color and the accounts, while not very profound, will interest all the more people for that.

For the discriminating

There will be a new printing soon of Fritz Henle's Figure Studies, introduction by Jacquelyn Judge (Studio-Crowell, \$3.95), a collection of figure studies in excellent taste, together with a useful technical note on his methods. This is another book to put on your own list of books you'd like to receive for your own collection.

This should get you started on your shopping list. I haven't mentioned any of the long list of technical and how-to books of interest to the serious amateur, the kind he wants and needs but hasn't gotten around to buying for himself.

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What's Ahead?

by LLOYD E. VARDEN

A highlighting technique for photographers



At the annual convention of the Photoengravers Association held recently at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York there were two displays that would have caught the eye of any photographer re-

gardless of how little interest he might have in graphic arts. These were displays of various types of pictures, including black-and-white photographs. on which a fluorescent white pigment had been applied to the highlights. When illuminated by a source containing ultraviolet radiation the highlights stood out vividly, causing the photographs to have a weird, but striking appearance.

It seems to me that photographers could adapt this graphic arts technique to produce some unusual effects in photographic displays. The essential idea is not new, of course, because photographic papers have been made that have a fluorescent substance coated on the paper prior to emulsion coating, or contained in the emulsion itself. Ilford, Ltd. and Kodak, Ltd. in England produce such papers at present. These papers have "whiter whites" when viewed under fluorescent light or daylight, but the effect is not as pronounced as that of a fluorescent pigment applied directly to the highlights. Furthermore, it is not possible to be selective in brightening particular highlights as allowed by hand application of pigments.

Fluorescent white pigments are available from at least three sources: Kodak Graphic Arts Division, Rochester, N. Y .: Fluorographic Sales Division, Printing Arts Research Laboratories, La Arcada Bldg., Santa Barbara, California; Kemart Corporation, 340 Front Street, San Francisco, California. I cannot speak from actual experience, but I should imagine that all three are equally suitable for application to photographs, although the techniques recommended are somewhat different.

Pigments easy to supply

Based on the instructions prepared by the Printing Arts Research Laboratories, the photograph is first spraycoated with a lacquer that is supplied in a pressurized spray can. This is a

clear, rapid drying lacquer requiring only a few minutes for application and complete drying.

Next, the pigment is applied with a suitable brush in the highlight areas. For perfectly white highlights, Fluoro Highlight White pigment is used. But where the highlight regions have a gray tone, a Fluoro Flat Gray is recommended. These are supplied in five shades plus a near-white for mixing with any standard gray to obtain intermediate shades. By adjusting the gray to the tone of the print, the natural appearance of the print, under tungsten illumination, is retained.

The white or gray pigments brush over the lacquered photograph without "creeping" or "crawling" provided a detergent (e.g. Halo Shampoo) is mixed well with the pigment. The pigments have such high covering power that one brush stroke is sufficient to obtain a smooth surface effect.

Highlights that run along a straight line can be best handled by applying the pigment with a ruling pen. If a mistake occurs, the pigment and lacquer can be removed entirely by wiping over the area with alcohol.

The pigments are completely harmless according to the manufacturers. Toxicity tests have shown no reactions. and of thousands of users no complaints have been noted. Sable hair or 'camel" hair brushes are not damaged either.

Ultraviolet viewing source

For maximum fluorescence a source rich in ultraviolet and very little visible light is necessary. Under these conditions, the untreated areas of the photographs are not sufficiently discernible, and the highlight regions alone appear with a bright, bluish glow. However, by mixing a suitable amount of tungsten illumination with the ultraviolet, any desired adjustment between highlight brilliance and overall picture detail can be made.

The Printing Arts Research Labs supply an ultraviolet source called the "Lite-Mite Fluorescing Lamp Assembly." It is a tubular, cool-operating lamp, 110 Volt, AC. The Kemart Corporation also supplies a U. V. lamp called the Kemart Artist's Light. Lamps used for stage lighting would be suitable, too, and are probably less expensive.

Not a general technique

I should not want to imply that the fluorescent pigment highlighting technique is for general photographic pur-(Continued on page 134)



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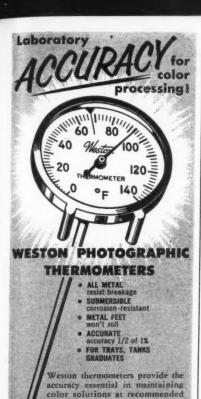
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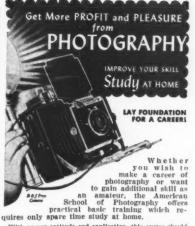
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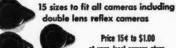
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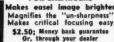


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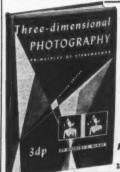
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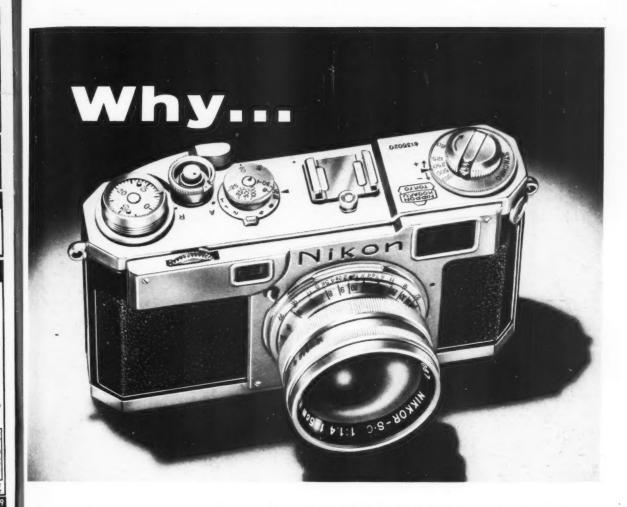
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